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A 'SLAP IN THE FACE!' AS BARRY MISSES OUT ON £15M BID

BARRY has failed in a £15million bid for regeneration funds, writes Tim Chapman.

The blow was revealed in a statement by the Welsh Government which confirmed that the town wouldn't receive a major chunk of its £90m pot for regeneration schemes across the country.

It is still in line for a part share of £5m, which will be divided among

seven areas.

Lis Burnett, the cabinet member responsible for regeneration, told The GEM that to describe the council as extremely disappointed was "a total understatement".

She insisted the bid submitted to the Welsh Government had struck the right notes.

"In my opinion Barry more than met the criteria for the grant, being a coastal community, having a town centre with regeneration proposals

already drawn up and having an excellent track record of regeneration.

"The Minister also appears to have overlooked the fact that Barry benefits from excellent partnership working with a whole host of organisations and individuals already contributing to the regeneration of the town and bringing forward an enthusiasm, commitment and dedication that is unrivalled."

Coun Burnett said it appeared housing-led schemes had been favoured in the bidding process, but the Vale Council's theme had been "about building vibrant communities".

The local Assembly Member Jane Hutt said that more investment in Barry was "vital".

"I am very disappointed with the news that the 'Vibrant and Viable Places Bid' was not successful," she said.

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*The team from Bethesda Chapel, Dinas Powys at the village show.
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WELSH EDUCATION GETS A BOOST IN BARRY WHILE... OAKFIELD ARE THE COMEBACK KIDS AS THEY GET A NEW SCHOOL

by PHILIP IRWIN

OAKFIELD Primary School has – in true phoenix style – risen from the ashes after being lined up for closure earlier this year.

Now, it will share – with the Barry Welsh medium primary school, Ysgol Gwaun y Nant – in a £3.6 million expansion that will give it a new school building.

At the start of the year, Oakfield was still in special measures and there was little surprise when it was listed for possible closure by the Vale Council.

It was assumed that the neighbouring Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, which needed to expand, would do so when the struggling school closed.

However, a determined campaign by parents helped Oakfield survive and recently, under the stewardship of headteacher Lyn Bowen-Jones, it was taken out of special measures.

Mrs Bowen-Jones has now retired but, when the announcement was made, she was in her office last week at Oakfield, helping new headteacher Ian Williams settle in.

She told The GEM: "This is fantastic news and the parents will be thrilled to be getting a new school."

"It's a great note to leave on. I said I

would keep in touch, but now I will be looking forward to see how the new building looks!"

A Vale Council spokeswoman explained the plan, which will be considered by the Vale Council cabinet on September 23.

She said: "Ysgol Gwaun y Nant and Oakfield Primary both currently occupy separate parts of a former two-form entry primary school, and it is suggested this building could be remodelled to allow Gwaun y Nant to expand its capacity from a one to two-form entry school."

"Under the plans, Oakfield Primary would get a new school building on its existing site as a one-form entry school."

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MP has picked the wrong target

IWOULD like to respond to spurious claims made by Alun Cairns, where he alleges the council is not supplying individual disabled parking bays.

He is also urging residents to sign a petition to increase our funding settlement from the Welsh Government.

I would like to remind Mr Cairns that the finances of our council were initially set by the Conservative Secretary of State for Wales when the Vale Council was created.

It is also true that Westminster is still in control of (cutting) local government spending, through their financial settlement to the Assembly in Cardiff.

I would also like to explain to our residents the actions I have taken as Leader of the council in respect to the provision of disabled parking bays, since taking over the council from the Conservatives in 2012.

The council has historically provided 10 individual disabled persons parking bays annually, with some 'general use' disabled bays introduced from time to time in shopping areas.

Residents should, however, be aware that this is not a statutory function, and in fact many local authorities in Wales do not provide individual persons parking bays at all.

It is also a fact that our budgets are limited and the money available has to be spread over a range of duties and priorities, including many statutory functions, such as highway maintenance, and such as the repair of potholes on the highway.

To create a disabled parking bay is both a lengthy and costly procedure, requires consultation and advertising, as well as meeting legal requirements and can cost up to £1,200 per bay, but can be reduced to £700 with economies of scale.

As the demand for disabled parking bays has grown over the years, the waiting time for a disabled parking bay had risen to over three years when we took over in 2012. As

Leader of the council I wanted to address this backlog on a one-off basis, to provide a shorter timescale for new applicants. I therefore instructed that the 37 approved applications that were on the waiting list be dealt with during 2012/13, effectively introducing more disabled parking bays in one year than had ever been the case previously.

Since then, more applications have been received. Currently, we have 10 approved applications for implementation in 2013/14 and these are being progressed.

We now have a waiting list of six approved applications, compared to the 37 when we formed the new administration in 2012.

Therefore we have made a difference with 37 new bays being provided, but as demand continues, it is inevitable we will have a waiting list. However, we will tackle them with the resources available.

If Mr Cairns had cared to look into this matter in more detail before making his accusations, he would have established that this is not the service over which to make a complaint, because it has been and is being addressed more effectively than his erstwhile colleagues did previously.

On a final note, like all councils, we would like more funding but the people of the Vale should remember that Mr Cairns has voted in Westminster for every cut in funding to Local Government.

I would advise Mr Cairns to look to his actions, and that of the Conservative Party. They are the real culprits of poor funding to local councils, who have to meet our statutory obligations no matter what happens.

Let's see if he continues to support the welfare reforms and cuts to public services.

Coun Neil Moore
Leader, Vale Council

Readers' Letters

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Further memories of post war Llandow airfield

READING your item in The GEM (August 29) about the wartime memories of Llandow, perhaps I can continue the story of Llandow.

In 1946, after returning from a four-year tour of the Middle East, I was posted to the Air Ministry in London.

I was informed that No.614 (County of Glamorgan) R.Aux.AF Squadron, which had been disbanded at the end of the war, was being reformed and based at RAF Llandow.

I was introduced to a Flt Lt CN Spurdens who was to be the adjutant of the Squadron and we were to proceed to Llandow and make preparations to welcome the nucleus of regular RAF personnel and once they were in position, to make arrangements to recruit civilian (mostly ex-RAF) people to join the Squadron where they would attend for training, etc, at the weekends.

Mr Hands would have been in that first intake of regular airmen and he would probably remember WO Ralph Blakeman who was in charge of the armoury.

There were only three regular RAF Officers, Flt Lt Spurdens, the adjutant; Flt Lt George Martin (from Cardiff); the flying instructor and the engineer officer whose name I cannot recall. I was the sergeant in charge of the orderly room and together we recruited some ground staff and pilots.

The pilots were mainly ex-RAF pilots, some of whose training finished at the end of the war and were discharged as their services were no longer required.

Some of them went back to university to continue their college degrees.

During the next few years, I experienced many tragic and weird events at Llandow – the outstanding one being the crash of the Tudor aircraft returning from Ireland.

Mr V G Morgan, Bridgend.

In praise of Welsh Water

WE recently arrived home from a holiday in Essex – where the water was absolutely terrible.

Soap would not lather, teacups stained, with brown scum floating on top and as we were staying with my sister, she showed me the damage to the washing machine, kettle and other appliances. For the first time in my life, I used bottled water.

The reason for writing this letter is to stop folk in Wales grumbling about their water charges; install a water meter and remember this; your appliances last years longer than the ones in Essex and Sussex (apparently).

At least you can get a decent lather from your soap!

We are so lucky to have a Welsh company (with no shareholders, only us). Long may Welsh Water prosper.
Mrs D I Harris, Fommon.

School is a 'gem' in the Vale

WHEN leaving the M4 and driving home to Barry, I normally take the slip road via Pendoylan and Five Mile Lane.

This means that I pass the wonderful Pendoylan Church in Wales School, with its modern extension and car park. In June of 2011, The GEM carried a full page article as the new development at the school started.

This building is an architectural gem within the confines of a small site, next to the church

and then the public house.

It is a perfect setting in beautiful countryside; no wonder at the time of the article, and before completion of the new buildings, pupil enrolment had trebled.

The architects, structural engineers and quantity surveyors – indeed, everyone involved in this project – deserves to be congratulated on their success and the addition of a magnificent learning environment in the Vale of Glamorgan.
Christopher Short, Barry.

Sign up for Fairtrade

EARLIER this year, the town council gave a commitment to help support and encourage the sale of Fairtrade goods in shops and cafes throughout Barry.

We are currently compiling a list of businesses in Barry who sell Fairtrade goods. We will then promote these businesses through leaflets

and flyers, which will be available to residents and visitors.

If you wish your business to be added to this Fairtrade list for free, write to Barry Town Council, c/o Cliff Lewis, Town Clerk, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA or e-mail: info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Coun Rob Curtis, Chairman of Barry Town Council's Fairtrade steering group.

'It's taxpayers' money, not the government's'

IN this era of mass communication, surely the Transport Minister for the Welsh Assembly Government could find a way to let the electorate know the reason for cutting the local bus subsidy as the ministry seems to be awash with cash.

We all know about buying Cardiff Airport and its £500,000 shuttle bus, but do taxpayers know about the £1 million subsidy to an airline flying from Cardiff to Anglesey?

I wonder what else we don't know?

Was an impact assessment study undertaken before all that money was spent? Please tell.

Of course, the Government should help the airport, but a simpler, cheaper solution would have been to cut landing taxes and to upgrade the local bus service.

Think of the millions that could have been saved!

Politicians need to remember that it is taxpayers' money they are spending. We want value for that money.

In exchange for our taxes, we want local hospitals, local schools, local services and local buses.

Next time you are waiting in the pouring rain, hoping for a local bus, think of the 'rosy glow' you will get knowing that your taxes are providing that lovely leather-seated shuttle bus with air conditioning and Wi-Fi access for holiday makers.

If services keep getting cut, then demand that our rates are cut. Make politicians accountable for every penny spent.

To all you politicians out there stop making our lives so miserable, get your act together and give us back our buses.
I M Lloyd, East Aberthaw.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND?

WHAT happened to our local bus? How are people without cars, i.e. teenagers, OAPs, supposed to get around?

You can't walk to Pontyclun, as there's no path. You can walk to Aberthaw and Cowbridge, but the pavement is in poor condition, and the hedgerows are only cut once a year and are overgrown with thorns.

So can anyone tell me how we, the people of Ystradowen, are supposed to get around?
Dave Jones, Ystradowen.

Disabled driver's parking ticket

WITH reference to letters over the last few weeks about parking in Barry town, I myself am a disabled driver with a blue badge who fell foul of the highway robbers.

I parked in a loading bay before the time restriction was up, after being told I could park there the week before.

I am now out of pocket by £35. Readers should know that if you park anywhere in Barry on market day, you will get a ticket if you do not look at the details on the post.

Mr Clive McCarthy, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	11.35	8.7	23.57	8.4
13 Fri			12.37	8.3
14 Sat	01.08	7.8	13.59	7.9
15 Sun	02.44	7.8	15.29	8.4
16 Mon	04.14	8.3	16.47	8.9
17 Tues	05.17	8.9	17.41	9.6
18 Wed	06.09	9.7	18.29	10.1
19 Thur	06.54	10.0	19.14	10.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'Lost' car at Show

LIKE the lady who 'lost' her car at the Vale Show, I also had difficulty finding mine.

Next year, would it be possible for the stewards to identify each row of cars by a number or letter, as some supermarkets do, to help us?

Joan Barber,
Dinas Powys.

The Memo Arts Centre is filling cinema gap in Barry

THE Memo Arts Centre in Barry hopes to secure even more funding so it can increase the breadth of film experiences on offer.

A spokeswoman told The GEM: "The Memo

Arts Centre has recently been awarded a grant from the Film Agency for Wales to support our specialised film programme.

"At the Memo we know how important it is to have a cinema in Barry.

"That's why we are

working to secure more funding to bring all we need into the Memo to ensure we can show film at its very best."

SKYFALL

The Memo Arts Centre points out that over the last few months it has worked hard to present a programme of top film screenings. A total of 400 people watched *Les Misérables* in April, and another 250 saw the latest James Bond offering, *Skyfall*.

The spokeswoman said: "We introduced family screenings during the half term breaks and summer holidays, with over 100 children and parents watching *Despicable Me*.

"We have a whole season of film screenings in place for the autumn, including more family screenings.

"The Film Agency for Wales has recognised what we want to do; with further investment we will be able to increase our film programme, screen new releases, screen live streaming events to Barry and show more of what people want."

The spokeswoman said the centre wanted people to let them know what sort of films they'd like to see.

"In the coming months we want the public to help us plan our new film season, including the public's all time cinema favourites.

"So please, tell us about your golden classics, iconic masterpieces, family treats and memorable film suggestions.

"Your support will help us to make the only local cinema experience better." (For the contact

details, see end of article).

The Memo Arts Centre looks as if it could be the main cinema provision in the town for many years to come.

The Theatre Royal closed more than five years ago, and the Save Our Cinema Association which campaigned for a replacement was thwarted in its aims to find a suitable venue and a big screen operator.

Paul Sutton, a spokesman for SOCA, told The GEM: "As a stalemate situation prevails over the Barry Island fairground redevelopment, serious doubts remain as to whether Barry will ever have its own purpose built cinema.

"A new multiplex is part of the proposed original and amended plans at the fairground. By concentrating for far too long on this site alone, two other opportunities were sadly overlooked – one the retention and reopening of the Theatre Royal, and two, land set aside possibly at the Waterfront.

"While the Memorial Hall is filling a need by running its season of films, I still feel that Barry would benefit by having its own multiplex, giving a choice of the latest releases.

"For now though, that appears to be as far away as the Hollywood sign in the Los Angeles hills!"

Members of the public should email their ideas on films they would like to see to the Memo Arts Centre at: boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk.

History society in £3,000 gift to local charities



ABOVE: Terry Farrell (left) presents a cheque to Dave Trotman of PACL.

OVER the years, the Penarth Past Oral History Society has produced a total of four books – all with the promise that any profits would go to charity.

The society recently continued to honour that promise, presenting a total of £3,000 to six local charities.

The charities, each receiving £500, were: Marie Curie; Macmillan Nurses; St John Ambulance; Penarth Civic Society; the Salvation Army and Penarth Arts and Crafts

Ltd (PACL).

Terry Farrell of Penarth Past told The GEM: "The society produced four books over the last 19 years.

"They were *We Remember It Well* (1994), *I Could Have Told You* (1999), *The Intrepid Miss White* (2008) and our current volume, *We Believe in Yesterday* – which will be the society's last one."

He added that further sales of this book, available from AB Snell and the Windsor Bookshop, would let the society make more donations to good causes.

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Just display the notice, which will be delivered a few days before, in your window and the councillors will to discuss any issues you may have.

1ST RHOOSE BROWNIES THINKING DAY BADGE



1st Rhoose Brownies

EVERY year, Guiding has a different theme based on an issue that affects girls and young women around the world.

This year's theme was child mortality/maternal health, and 1st Rhoose Brownies have been knitting and collecting knitted squares to make into baby blankets, and also collecting baby gowns and vests for mama bags. These will be sent to a Kenyan clinic through Greenfields Africa charity.

They have sent six blankets, 30 baby gowns and 13 vests, and raised over £20 towards the postage and costs.

Golfer Nathan secures American scholarship

A young Barry golfer has just started on a sports scholarship at Kirkwood College, Iowa, America.

Nathan Chilcott started this August and will train as a golfer, while also studying for a degree.

Nathan secured his scholarship through Glasgow-based FirstPoint USA, the largest sports scholarship consultants in the world.

FirstPoint USA uses its network in the US and acts as an intermediary between talented athletes and college coaches.

Rosie Witham from FirstPoint USA said: "American colleges are keen to attract the very best sporting talent

from across the world.

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GLADSTONE PUPILS SAY A FOND FAREWELL TO VAL

A NEW term and school year has started at Gladstone Primary School, Barry, but for one member of staff it signals the beginning of a new chapter of her life.

Mrs Val Davies is retiring from Gladstone School after being an LSA at the school for 23 years.

With her warm smile and caring nature, she has brightened the days of many of the infant children, both past and present, always taking the time to talk to them and be genuinely interested in their lives.

Being a super organiser, she has been responsible for organising and promoting many charity coffee mornings.

Val will greatly be missed by her colleagues who have always appreciated her invaluable support over the years.

Back in June, she was looking forward to celebrating her last term with her class of Year 1 children when disaster struck!

Falling badly in her garden, she broke her ankle and severed her ligaments, leaving her in a lot of pain and unable to return to



The children in Val's class decided that if she couldn't come to see them, they would go to see her!

work.

The children in her class decided that if Mrs Davies couldn't come to them then they would go to her, and walked the short journey to her house with teacher Laura McCarthy to present Val with their special retirement card and gifts.

Thankfully, Val is now on the mend and the staff and children at Gladstone look forward

to welcoming her back at any time, as well as wishing her all the very best in her retirement.

Headteacher Caroline Newman said: "Val has touched the lives of so many children within the local community. She has been such a positive influence within Gladstone and we will certainly miss her although. We hope she will stay in touch with us all."

Choir seeks new musical director

CAVATINA Singers is a mixed choir of around 40 voices, based in Penarth, and is 30 years old this year. It is known for its wide repertoire, concerts for charities, and is planning a concert to celebrate its 30-year run.

Sadly, Cavatina has recently said goodbye to its young Australian musical director, Vicky Pilley, and consequently, Cavatina is seeking expressions of interest in the position.

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New school for Oakfield pupils

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The estimated cost of this option for reorganisation is £3,645,000, which can be met from the existing funding available within the council's capital programme.

If the proposal is approved by cabinet, an eight-week long consultation will commence during November 2013.

If following consultation the proposal is agreed, building work could start on the new Oakfield Primary school building in November 2014 for completion by September 2015.

On completion of the new building, remodelling work would be carried out at the existing school building to increase capacity for Ysgol Gwaun y Nant.

Welsh medium primary education in Barry is currently provided at four schools: Ysgol St Curig, Ysgol St Baruc, Ysgol Nant Talwg and Ysgol Gwaun y Nant.

There were 150 applications for September 2013 for the 150 reception places available, and it is forecast to increase.

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet mem-

ber for children's services, said: "This is a unique opportunity to provide a new school building with excellent educational facilities for children living in a neighbourhood which experiences high levels of deprivation, as well as addressing the need to increase the number of Welsh medium places."

Coun Nic Hodges, chair of governors of Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, said: "This is a positive move forward to help satisfy the increasing demand for Welsh medium education in Barry, and it also fills the present need for English medium education in this part of the town."

Ian Williams said: "As the new headteacher of Oakfield, I think this is a really exciting proposal that will greatly enhance the educational provision available for the school's new chapter."

"Gwaun y Nant headteacher Rhydian Lloyd and I are excited at the potential of these proposals, which will serve the local community."

Vale MP Alun Cairns took a mixed view of the news. He said: "The Vale council seem confused."

"Only a few months ago, they were planning on closing Oakfield. Thanks to the campaign by the parents, they were forced to re-think."

"This is great news for Welsh medium education and as a Welsh speaker, I am delighted that there is an increase in demand."

"I am a little worried about the loss of play ground and playing fields. This could be significant and the council need to explain the impact. Both schools had fantastic playing fields and I'd hate to see their loss if it can be avoided."

Comprehensive School's £600,000 for improvements

PUPILS and staff at Barry Comprehensive are celebrating an upgrade to the school's buildings, costing over half-a-million pounds.

Budding artists at the school are looking forward to a new £325,000 art block, which is planned for 2014.

Some of the improvements have already been carried out during the summer holidays, including the upgrading of the fire alarm system, costing £50,000, and the renewal of the flat roof

covering to the main block, costing £105,000.

On Monday September 9, the Vale Council's Cabinet approved an additional £120,000 for building works at the school, pending full council approval on September 25. The extra money would pay for new heating boilers.

If the funding is approved by the council, Barry Comprehensive will receive a total of £600,000 for repairs and improvements to the school premises.

Looking for poets

PENARTH author, historian and poet, Phil Carradice, is inviting budding poets, young and old, to attend his free workshops at Penarth Library on Saturday, September 14.

Create your own responses to Penarth at either 'Art Blast!' 'Write' or 'Rhyme Creative Poetry Writing Time!' for children aged 7-12, from 10.30am - 1pm; or 'Panoramic Perceptions poetry workshop' for older people from 2pm-4.30pm.

The events are free and will be followed by a special Penarth poetry workshop showcase with Phil on Monday, October 21, from 5.30pm - 6.30pm at Penarth Library, as part of the Penarth Book Festival, where both groups can showcase their creativity with friends and family.

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Cookery roadshow at King Square

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TV chef Richard Fox will host the event in King Square, Barry, on Tuesday, September 17 between 10am and 4pm.

The cookery demonstration aims to show members of the public how to make tasty meals from the food they usually throw away, and to save money.

Cloudy2Clear Windows - Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes - not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthkerry areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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Linda and 'assistant' Ruby explain work of Dogs Trust

DINAS POWIS WI met on Tuesday, September 3, at the Lee Hall.

The usual business took place and thanks were extended to June Williams for the beautiful table flowers.

Members were reminded that there will be a coffee morning and table top sale at the Murchfield Community Hall on Saturday, September 14, starting at 10am.

As well as the ever-popular WI cakes and preserves, there will also be vintage items, 'glittering gifts' and craft work for sale; plus a white elephant stall.

Representatives from the 50 Plus Forum will bring local residents up to date on their activities in Dinas Powys.

Members and non-members interested in hiring a table top on the day can contact Diana Hodgson on 02920 512704 for more information.

Members were thanked for the very high standard of decorated cupcakes and tray bakes contributed for the WI refreshments in the Lee Hall at the village show on August 31.

Members of the home craft group, who meet once a month on a Thursday afternoon, were advised that September's class would introduce members to some of the 'tricks of the trade' in creating a small watercolour painting.

The gardening club will resume next March, when they will be invited to plan which flowers and vegetables they want to grow at the Nightingale Community Garden.

Other events for September include a walk around Penarth Esplanade and Alexandra Park on Tuesday, September 17, meeting at the cliff top car park at 2pm; the regular monthly Saturday lunch at The Star on September 21 at mid-day; and the Glamorgan Federation quiz night at the Hi-Tide Inn in Porthcawl on Thursday, September 19.

Members were also invited to support the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern quiz night at the Murchfield Hall on Saturday, September 14 at 7pm, and a charity coffee morning in Lee Hall on Saturday, October 12 from 10am to mid-day in aid of Erw'r Delyn, a special school for pupils with physical and learning disabilities.

September's speaker was Linda Seagram who gave an extremely interesting and lively talk on the work of the Dogs Trust, ably assisted by Ruby, the spaniel she allowed to stay in her office 'just for the day' when Ruby arrived at the kennels in some distress four years ago and who has been with Linda ever since!

Each year, the Dogs Trust care for around 16,000 dogs at their nationwide network of 18 rehoming centres and Linda assured us that no healthy dog is ever destroyed.

The next meeting of the Dinas Powis WI will be on Tuesday, October 1 at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Merry Metcalf on the subject 'Dispelling the myths of witchcraft'.

Non-members are always warmly welcomed at WI meetings and may attend three WI events before making a commitment to join. More information about the Dinas Powis branch of the WI can be found at www.dinaspowiswi.org.uk.

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SEA SCOUTS ARE SET FOR AN 80TH YEAR REUNION



Do you remember the summer camp at Berryrynabour in 1970? If so, you may be one of the people interested in attending a reunion of local sea scouts.

Dorothy proves that rambling helps to keep you young!

ON August bank holiday Monday, Penarth and District Ramblers learned a valuable lesson from Dorothy, who, just weeks away from her 80th birthday, proved conclusively that exercise is the key to remaining active, fit, healthy and trim, as she tackled the climbs with gusto!

A group of 19, including leader Joy, left Castell Coch car park and, crossing the River Taff from Tongwynlais, entered Morganstown. A short trek up beside the noisy M4 led them through woodland, across the disused railway line and into open fields on the perimeter of Pentrych.

As the heat rose they reached the trig point on Garth Hill and were surrounded by hazy panoramic views, before descending down through grazing sheep and cattle to enjoy lunch overlooking Beddau, Church Village, Llantwit Ffadre and Treforest.

The shade was welcomed as they descended through woods to Gwaelod y Garth before re-crossing the River Taff and making their way through Taff's Well to join the Taff Trail, climbing gradually through Forest-fawr before dropping back down to Castell Coch.

September started positively when a group of six walkers, including leader William, travelled up to Llanthony Priory in the gorgeous rugged beauty of the Vale of Ewys to journey through the Olchen and Honddu Valleys and enjoy the delights of hill-walking on the ridgeways.

Climbing steeply, they began to follow Offa's Dyke Path along the Hatterrall ridge for around five miles, with

outstanding panoramic views towards the Cotswolds, the Malvern Hills and the Herefordshire plain as well as the Honddu Valley, Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons.

Turning southeast they walked towards Crib y Garth and Black Hill, from which there were amazing views of the Monnow and Golden Valleys and the meadows of Herefordshire.

After lunch in brilliant sunshine, they began to descend to the valley bottom crossing the Olchen Brook and passing through fields before climbing steeply uphill and joining the Hatterrall ridge for the second time.

Gaining their breath, another descent followed, this time into the Honddu Valley and following old tracks and tramping through woods, they returned to enjoy a soothing ice cream within the ruined Llanthony Abbey before the homeward journey.

On September 14, a change to the planned walk. Meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11.5-mile hard walk at Rhiwderin; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On September 15, meet 10am at Cogan for a six-mile moderate walk taking in Radyr and St Fagans; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

JOY

STRANGWARD

THE 6th Barry (All Saints) Sea Scout Group celebrates its 80th anniversary this year with a reunion for former members on Saturday, September 21 at St Nicholas Scout Hall, 12 noon.

Old log books and photographs will be on display to jog memories of happy days in the troop. It was originally formed in about 1912 but disbanded before the Great War, when its scoutmaster Major Hammond joined the army. No records are known about its early start, but it reformed in 1933.

Former members who would like to attend, and join those flying in from America, Italy, and the United Arab Emirates,

should contact former Group Scout Leader Philip Walters by email at philipwalters3434@gmail.com or telephone 01446 741498.

He said: "The photograph was taken at the summer camp held at Berryrynabour in 1970. The site near Ilfracombe overlooked the Bristol Channel, and those present will no doubt enjoy recounting the horrific gales that blew that year!"

"The newly formed Venture Scout Unit spent a number of nights on watch staking down the tents as the winds howled from the Bristol Channel into the campsite," recalled Philip.

A buffet will also be provided on the day of the reunion.

Osteoporosis is 'The Silent Disease'

OSTEOPOROSIS affects one in three women over the age of 50 and fracture following trauma is often the only indication of an underlying problem.

This is why it is often called 'the silent disease'. Of those who suffer a hip fracture, three in 10 will die as a result. Risk factors include early menopause, family

history, steroid-based medications, digestive illnesses, diet and lifestyle factors and low body mass.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to prevent the development of the disease, such as weight-bearing exercise and eating calcium-rich foods.

A simple ultrasound scan can give a good indication of risk of osteoporosis and future fracture.

Osteoporosis fracture risk scans

Osteoporosis is common in post-menopausal women and fractures can cause pain, disability and loss of independence. 3 out of 10 hip fractures prove fatal. Osteoporosis can be prevented if weak bones are detected early enough but scans for assessing risk of future osteoporotic fracture are not always readily available.

However, you can now have a non-invasive scan for £22.
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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Will we regret Commons' vote on Syria?

SINCE my last column, I faced one of the most difficult responsibilities of being your MP.

I faced a parliamentary vote on whether the UK should, in principle, take a stand against Syria.

The Syria debate has rightly dominated the news. Chemical weapons have been used against civilians, none of whom held arms.

It has been concluded that no-one, other than the Syrian government, had the capacity to conduct such an attack.

However, with memories of Iraq and Afghanistan, I was more than reluctant to see our country involved in military conflict. The political situation in Syria is exceptionally complicated.

There is no one opponent to the Assad regime. There are several factions, all with their own interests. There is a risk that destabilising one faction, would strengthen another that may prove to be equally horrific against civilians.

Yet, the obvious suffering of innocent children and civilians seen on television screens is heart-breaking. The use of chemical weapons breaks the most basic of international laws. Even Hitler didn't resort to this level of attack in the battlefield.

As a result of these contradictions, I found the vote extremely difficult to judge. Instinctively, I was opposed to military action.

I had to reconcile the suffering caused to UK families affected by recent conflicts against the breach of international law and suffering civilians in Syria.

My answer was to urge the Prime Minister to develop a consensus; to develop a motion that the whole of Parliament (all parties) could unite behind.

The motion last week was very cautious. It was specific in demanding a further vote before any action could take place.

It called for a strong humanitarian response, and said that any action must be legal, proportionate and focused on saving lives.

This would have required a further vote in the House of Commons before any military



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

action, and would be achieved by preventing and deterring further use of Syria's chemical weapons.

It called for a United Nations process to be followed and its purpose related solely to alleviate humanitarian suffering.

This is what I voted for. Sadly, Ed Miliband didn't agree and tabled his own amendment that included all the factors of the government's motion.

The politics got in the way and meant that he and his Party voted against the Government's motion.

It is important to underline that the Opposition's motion also left the door open for possible military action. Some believe that their motion blocked it. This was not the case.

As a result, the Government's motion fell. The Prime Minister accepted the decision of Parliament.

Worryingly, we (and most importantly civilians in Syria) face the risk of further action in the knowledge that the UK will not be able to take direct action to help.

Former Lib Dem leader Paddy Ashdown, hardly aggressive in any sense, fears this as much as I do.

I hope we won't regret the way this debate has evolved.

Schools could benefit from £650,000 in repair funding

THE Vale Council's cabinet has agreed £650,000 worth of extra funding, pending full council approval, to carry out repairs and improvements to several school buildings.

The schools which are in line to receive the funding have been prioritised due to the condition of specific elements of the buildings. By rectifying these known problems now, it is hoped this will reduce the likelihood of issues arising in the future which could lead to costly emergency repairs or for schools to be closed while repairs are made.

If the funding is approved during a full council meeting on September 25, Fairfield Primary School will get a £160,000 share of the funding to pay for a replacement flat roof.

Holton Primary School will receive £30,000 for over boarding ceiling and another £15,000 for a boiler

upgrade. Bryn Hafren Comprehensive and Barry Comprehensive will each receive £120,000 for replacement boilers. A total of £100,000 will be allocated to Ysgol St Curig to fund roofing works including replacing defective timbers.

Albert Primary School will get £105,000 to pay for listed building repairs; this is in addition to £30,000 which has already been allocated to the school to replace some of the windows.

Coun Chris Elmore said: "I'm delighted cabinet has agreed the funding, pending full council approval, as this will allow us to carry out improvements to school buildings where there are aspects of poor condition. It will mean these issues can be fixed now, rather than waiting for problems to arise, which could have a knock-on effect in terms of disruption to classes if schools had to be closed to allow emergency repairs to be carried out."

Fuel vouchers for listeners



Robert Bridges (left) from Barry, who was one of the winners, with Gareth Howells, general manager at Wessex Garages.

FIVE people from the Vale have each recently been presented with a £100 fuel voucher after winning a giveaway organised by a radio station.

Robert Bridges, Val Coyle, Mark Jones and Rebecca Smith, all from Barry, and Penarth-based Cath Kirby entered the giveaway organised by Bro Radio, and received the vouchers from Wessex Garages, Cardiff.

Bus chief updates local 50-plus transport group

THE Vale 50+Strategy Forum Transport Group held its meeting on August 13 at the Castleland Street Community Centre.

Nineteen members attended including five members from the Cardiff Forum.

The guest speaker was Peter Heath, the regional director of Cardiff Bus. He gave a very interesting presentation on the changes that will be happening to the bus services in the Vale over the next couple of weeks.

Peter also answered many of the questions on why the changes have to be made; and it was evident that the changes are going to affect everyone

who uses public transport in the Vale.

I have therefore written to the Vale cabinet member for transportation, Coun Burnett, Jane Hutt AM, Alun Cairns MP, and The Older People's Commissioner for Wales Sarah Rochira for their help.

If you are interested in transport issues and would like to attend our meetings or would like more information on our five task groups, contact John Porter, older people's co-ordinator, telephone 01446 450201 or email j.porter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Mike Edwards, Vale 50+, Transport Group Chairman

Why not join the grand tour of Vale churches?

PEOPLE in the Vale are being invited to walk, cycle, jog or even horse ride up to 25 miles between 13 churches which will be throwing open their doors to the public.

Both runners and walkers can follow an organised half marathon, 13-mile route with others or tackle the full loop of 25 miles individually. Others may prefer to do just a few miles to take in particular churches.

For the very brave there will even be an opportunity to abseil down a church tower as seven parishes from the East Vale group of churches combine with three chapels for the ride and stride event on Saturday, September 14.

The event is being organised as part of the Civic Trust for Wales' Open Doors programme, which sees heritage sites throughout Wales opening to the public for free during September.

Parishioners from the East Vale group of churches in Bonvilston, St Nicholas, St George-super-Ely, St Brides-super-Ely, Peterston-super-Ely, Pendoylan and Welsh St Donats decided upon the 'ride and stride' theme to encourage people to take part. The neighbouring parishes of Llancafarn, Llantrithyd and Penmark are also taking part in the day.

The aim is to get people to visit as many churches in the area as possible on the day and take part in activities, ranging from abseiling to listening to bell ringing or choral singing.

Refreshments will be available in the churches with craft exhibitions staged in many. All churches will be open from 10am to 4.30pm. Visitors will be able to view burial registers and other parish records.

Father Martyn Davies, of the East Vale group of parishes said: "The aim of this day is to encourage people to visit churches by making the journey

to them part and parcel of the event. There will be a half marathon event which the very fit can take part in or others can simply cycle, walk, ride a horse or even drive between churches."

The abseil event will be held at Welsh St Donats, from 10am to noon, where a teddy bear drop for children will also be staged, run along the lines of the traditional Pooh sticks game. Visitors are being invited take picnics with them which they can eat inside any of the churches.

People can either join an organised group of walkers, joggers or cyclists or make their own way round at times to suit themselves. The ramblers will be setting off at 9.30am from the Red Lion pub in Bonvilston for their 13-mile trek after meeting for optional breakfast at the pub at 8.30am.

Father Martyn will be cycling the route, while Father Edwin Counsell will be leading out the half marathon runners at 11.30am from Welsh St Donats. Father Martyn will be leaving from Welsh St Donats at approximately 10.15am after abseiling down the tower.

There will be a lunchtime concert from 12.30pm to 1.30pm at Peterston, followed later by hand bell ringing from 3pm to 4pm. The tower will be open and there will be bell ringing at Pendoylan from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The 13 churches and chapels which will be open are St Cadoc's, Llancafarn; St Ilyd's, Llantrithyd; St Mary's, Penmark; Zoar Presbyterian Church; Croes-y-Parc Baptist Church; Trehill Presbyterian Church; St George's, St George-super-Ely; St Mary's, Bonvilston; St Donat's, Welsh St Donats; St Cadoc's, Pendoylan; St Peter's, Peterston-super-Ely; St Nicholas, St Nicholas and St Brides, St Brides-super-Ely.

'Avengers' boost the Noah's Ark Appeal



ABOVE: The Avengers assembled at Inkabella Tattoo studio recently

INKABELLA Tattoo Studio in Penarth held an Avengers event which raised £67.20 for Noah's Ark Appeal.

The day started with the Avengers arrival at the studio. Thor, Captain America, Iron Man and the Hulk all posed for pictures outside.

Very quickly, a small crowd had gathered of excited little Avengers all waiting to meet their heroes.

After many photos the boys moved on to Cardiff and continued to raise money for the Noah's Ark Appeal at the children's hospital for Wales.

Mayor's coffee morning for Marie Curie

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, is hosting a coffee morning at the Corporation Suite, Civic Offices, Broad Street, Barry, on Tuesday, September 17 at 10.30am for and on behalf of Marie Curie.

Anyone wishing to find out more about becoming a volunteer is welcome to pop in and have a chat with one of our volunteers.

For further information, please contact the Barry group secretary, Mrs Susan Borges, on 01446 747928 or 07866078665; email borges888@btinternet.com.

Board signs car parking deal for local hospital

OUTSIDE help is being brought in to tackle long-standing parking problems at University Hospital Llandough.

The busy hospital site has suffered from chronic parking problems causing patients to be late for their appointments, bus operators refusing to service the site and emergency vehicles being delayed.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has signed an agreement with national operator ParkingEye

to manage parking at the hospital and issue Parking Charge Notices (PCNs) of up to £70 to those disrupting the hospital site by breaking parking rules.

Peter Welsh, the hospital's general manager, said parking would remain free at the hospital, but that something had to be done to address the concerns raised by patients, staff and third parties.

He explained: "Irresponsible parking has been a problem for some time and has caused a host of problems. It has affected access for emergency vehicles, the delivery of

medical supplies and caused patients to be late for appointments, which has an effect on clinical services."

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'Spitfire month' ends with talk at heritage centre

SPITFIRES are once again to feature at the Barry Island based Glamorgan War Time Heritage Centre, as local author Ron Powell brings the 'Barry Spitfire month' to an end with an illustrated talk on the 'Battle of Britain'.

Retiring from the Royal Air Force after 32 years' service, former pilot, Ron moved to Barry Island and has become a popular writer and public speaker, giving

illustrated talks to many local organisations.

During his RAF career, Ron met several Battle of Britain veterans and served alongside Spitfire display pilots.

Ron's next talk takes place at the Glamorgan War Time Heritage Centre, Barry Island Station at 7.30pm on Wednesday, September 18.

Doors open at 7pm. As with all of our evening lectures, admission is free. For more information call me on 07930 874161.

ADE PITMAN

ON August 1, Jim and Shirley Parks, from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, USA, visited Barry – to see where Jim's father had been stationed during World War Two.

Their first stop was to see the War Time Heritage Centre at Barry Island station. From there, they were whisked in style, in a World War Two vintage American jeep, c/o Mr Wayne Gill of the Barry at War Group, to Brynhill Golf Club.

Captain Jim Parks (senior) was based on the golf course with several hundred members of the 115th Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army from October 1943 – April 1944.

Jim (junior) and his wife were warmly welcomed by club president, Peter Hayman, secretary Louis Edwards and well-known golf enthusiast Mr John Collins.

Also present was Scott Nelson and his mother Claire. Scott recently won the Bob Hope trophy which is played for on the same weekend as the Tennessee Cup.

The Tennessee Cup was presented

to the club in 1944 by Captain Mike Coolican, another member of 115th Field Artillery Battalion and has been played for ever since.

Captain Coolican was a great favourite at Brynhill – so much so, that before the battalion moved out, the members made Captain Mike an honorary life member and presented him with an inscribed silver salver.

The 'dashing Jimmy Parks' was also present on that occasion so it seemed appropriate that seven decades later his son should be present at an occasion marking the links between Brynhill, Barry and Tennessee.

The visit to Barry marked a grand beginning to Jim and Shirley's first, and (hopefully) not last, visit to Wales.

Later this month sees the second Barry Wartime Weekend based at Barry Island station, when we will seek to remember once again the experiences and the service of many people during times of conflict.

Glenn Booker



Captain Mike Coolican.



Captain Jim Parks.

Mayor meets young sailors



The mayor with young sailors.

COUN Claire Curtis, the Mayor of Barry, and her consort Coun Rob Curtis, were given a personal tour of the tall ship *SS Stavros Niarchos* when she sailed into Barry on the last weekend of August.

The guests were met on board by the three winners of a competition run by Barry Town Council in partnership with the Tall Ships Youth Trust.

Cerys Meadows, Morien Evans and Katie Phillips had spent a week

sailing from Brixham to Barry. The three young Barry residents all agreed they had had an experience they will never forget and made new friends for life among the crew, who were all under the age of 16.

Coun Curtis said: "It was wonderful to have a tour of the ship and to hear about the experience our three winners had sailing. I would like to thank the Tall Ships Trust for the work they do, and the invaluable service they provide to young people."

She added: "Barry Town Council will again be running a competition next year to sponsor places on board one of the tall ships, and we urge the young people of Barry to take advantage of this life-changing opportunity and keep an eye out in the local press or on the Barry Town Council Website www.barrytowncouncil.gov.uk for the launch of the 2014 competition, early next year."

Family service at Penarth church

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on Sunday, September 25 at 10am.

There will be worship items suitable for all ages centred on the story of the Prodigal Son. Creche facilities are available and refreshments served afterwards.

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Strategies for tackling domestic abuse in Wales

HAVING helped to set up the first Women's Aid refuge in Wales, I take a keen interest in the policies and plans of the Welsh Government in tackling violence against women and domestic abuse.

Three years ago, we launched 'The Right to be Safe Strategy' with four key priorities:

- Prevention and raising awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse.
- Providing support for victims and children.
- Improving the response of criminal justice agencies.
- Improving the response of health services and other agencies.

Lesley Griffiths AM, the Minister responsible

for monitoring the implementation of the strategy, issued a statement last week to update on progress on all these priorities.

The Minister has made an annual allocation of £4.366 million to support services to victims across Wales including Women's Aid groups, One Stop Shops and Wales-wide services such as the 24-hour domestic abuse and sexual violence helpline.

The report states that since it was expanded, the helpline received 286 calls from victims of domestic violence and 2,949 calls from victims of domestic abuse. Of these, 2,517 were female callers with children.

In the Vale, Atal y Fro provides these services with advice, information, support, refuges and a second stage housing scheme for

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by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

women and children while their housing needs are considered.

I recently met Atal y Fro at the Vale Council's Cadoxton House, where a range of agencies and services work together to meet need and secure justice for victims, as well as engage in vital preventative work with families and individuals.

The High Sheriff, Morfydd Meredith, joined me on this visit and we heard about the latest needs and pressures facing those who seek support from Atal y Fro; including benefit and legal aid changes.

They were able to share with us the good news of an award of £120,000 from the

Tudor Trust for their EPIC (Education, Prevention, Intervention in the Community) team to sustain their work in the Vale, with the prospects of advising others in a roll-out of the scheme across Wales.

Prevention is key to the delivery of the Welsh Government's 10,000 Safer Lives Project, working to improve the response of public services in Wales to victims of domestic abuse.

The Safer Lives project is improving the multi-agency responses to make sure that all services are working together, to tackle the abuse when they are needed to save lives.

Last week, the Home Secretary announced a review by the 'police watchdog' to look at the performance of police forces across England and Wales in their handling and management of domestic violence cases.

This will be important, but I share the concerns of those working in the field, who would like this to be a full and independent public inquiry, to consider the roles of all those who have statutory duties to save lives.

However, shocking failures are still hitting the headlines, despite the legislation, policies and funding for services, which didn't exist 50 years ago.

Over the past year, there has been widespread consultation on a new Welsh law aimed at ending violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, reported on this progress as part of his legislative statement in July.

Over 1,000 members of the public and more than 300 young people took part in this consultation, and this will directly influence the development of the Bill, which will address the major themes of the need for stronger leadership in our public services in Wales, better education and awareness, as well as strengthening and integrating services.

Funding, legislation and leadership is required to tackle the scourge of violence against women and domestic abuse, and we are determined to maintain this as a priority of the Welsh Government.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS FOR DISABLED TEENS

TWENTY disabled teenagers enjoyed an array of sporting activities this summer at the Vale Council's Disability Sport Camps.

Funded by an 'Out of Schools' grant from the Children and Young People's Partnership, the camps were held for youngsters aged 12-18 in Cadoxton Primary School's sports hall every Thursday during the summer holidays.

The activity days were organised by Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales development officer for the Vale Council, and Post2Post Coaching provided coaches for activities including football, dodgeball, golf, boccia, basketball and handball. Badminton

Wales provided coaches to run badminton based activities.

Dragon Crossfit also provided an instructor who put on a Crossfit for Kids session.

Simon Jones said: "I'd like to thank the Childrens and Young People's Partnership Team for funding the Disability Sport Camps throughout the summer holidays. Without the funding, the sport camps wouldn't have gone ahead."

"I would also like to thank all the coaches and volunteers who have helped provide the activities for the young people - they're the reason the activities are enjoyed so much by the people taking part."

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MIND BODY SPIRIT EVENT CHARITY EVENT

THERE will be a Mind Body Spirit event taking place at Barry Island community centre on Sunday, September 29 between 11am-4pm.

Ticket entry is £1, and raffle ticket funds raised go to Ty Hafan.

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Remembering the Italian influence on the Valleys

A FLAVOUR of Italy permeated the September meeting Of Rhose WI when Romeo Bassini talked about the influx to Wales of Italian families during the last century, and of their influence on Welsh life.

His story began in the remote district of Bardi in northern Italy from whence young men crossed the continent of Europe, many ending their journeys in the mining valleys of south Wales.

Listeners remembered that almost all valley towns had their Italian cafes where people would meet and socialise. Born in Treherbert, Romeo was himself evacuated to Bardi just before the Second World War, remaining there until 1946 when he returned to Wales.

His talk was interspersed with humour and music played on his piano accordion. Thanking him for a most enjoyable account, Stella Hughes remarked that all who grew up in south Wales could identify with his story of the Italian cafes and their place in Welsh life.

After a short break for tea, the president resumed the business part of the meeting with the following items of news. Avril Phillips had received a letter of thanks from Macmillan nurses for the donation raised from the coffee morning in July.

Problems with the X91 bus service were highlighted – it is no longer running through Rhose. Members were advised that a petition calling for its reinstatement is circulating in local shops.

There was a reminder that the WI is now collecting items for the Food Bank and members were asked to try to donate items which Susan Grant will then take to the bank at Barry.

Finally, the date of the autumn council meeting

Diabetes group

THE Vale Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday September 17 at the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, from 7.30pm – 9pm.

The speaker is Dr Aled Rees on 'diabetes and cardiovascular disease'. All are welcome!

of the Glamorgan Federation was announced. It will be in Port Talbot on November 4.

Members were also reminded of two local events, a cream tea at Fommon Castle on September 15 at 3.30pm, in aid of Penmark Church, and a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses at 10am on September 28 at 13 Fommon Road.

The evening closed with the announcement of the photographic competition winner. This was Jan Dally, and the raffle was won by Grace Watkins.

The next meeting of Rhose WI will take place on October 3 at the community hall, Stewart Road at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Jacqui Burgess, who will talk about 'Art and Sculpture'. Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

Events to take place in September:

September 18 at 3pm, afternoon tea at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, September 20 at 2pm, skittles at Rhose Social Club followed by refreshments at 'Coffee Time'.

September 26 at 12 noon, lunch club at 'The Old Cottage', Bridgend – those intending to travel by train should meet at Rhose station by 11.05am. Every Tuesday at 11am coffee and chat at 'Coffee Time'.

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Bat expedition at nature reserve

THE Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales is planning a guided bat walk around the Cwm Colhuw Nature Reserve, south of Llantwit Major.

Tonight (Thursday) experts from the trust will be talking about bat ecology and conservation, and using bat detectors to pick up on activity in the grassland and woodland habitats in and around Cwm Colhuw.

They will also be keeping an eye out for other nocturnal wildlife on the reserve.

Meet at 8pm in the beach car park; all ages are welcome but a torch and sturdy footwear are essential as the walk will be finishing after dark. Warm clothing and insect repellent is recommended. Bad weather may cause the cancellation of the event at short notice so check www.welsh-wildlife.org/events/ for more information.

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NEW CAR PARK AT BARRY ISLAND

RIGHT: Council Leader Neil Moore, cabinet members Coun Lis Burnett and Coun Gwyn John, director of development services Rob Thomas, and officers John Dent and Steve Bowen, visited the completed car park.

BARRY Island visitors will now benefit from a new 550 space car park and events area as part of the Barry Regeneration Scheme.

The Vale Council has completed the work at the Nell's Point site and the 'meanwhile use' car park is now open to the public at a cost of £1 per hour or £4 for the day.

The latest additions to the island were funded as part of local regeneration with grant support from the Welsh Government.

The car park is the first stage in a programme of works which will now concentrate on the eastern promenade.

The council recently submitted the necessary planning application for the works which hopes to include repairs to the eastern shelter, landscaping, new pathways, a new toilet block, a water feature, beach access improvements, a covered events space and beach huts.



Coun Lis Burnett said: "I'm very pleased to see this work completed and I think this car park and events area will be a very popular starting point for visiting Barry Island."

Welsh language body's concerns over the future

MENTER Caerdydd has published a report following a review of the social use of the Welsh language in the Vale.

by PHILIP IRWIN

outside school hours.

- 82.1 per cent of children receiving Welsh medium education in the Vale do not attend any Welsh medium clubs or activities outside of school hours.

- 62.1 per cent of children receiving Welsh medium education in the Vale do attend English medium clubs or activities outside of school hours.

- 88.7 per cent of respondents wish to see an increase in the Welsh language provision on offer in the Vale.

- 91.7 per cent would like to see more Welsh language activities for families in the Vale.

- 86.6 per cent would like to see more Welsh language provision for adults in the Vale.

- 31.7 per cent of respondents, who did

receive Welsh medium education, no longer use any of their Welsh language skills.

Sian Lewis, Menter Caerdydd's chief executive, said: "It is crucial that children, young people and adults have the opportunity to use the Welsh language on a social level in their communities, so that the language thrives."

"Our aim now is to work with local establishments and the Vale Council to ensure that there is an improvement in the Welsh language provisions on offer".

A copy of the report can be found on Menter Caerdydd's website: www.mentercaerdydd.org/glen/page/the-vale

Sully bridge club results

SULLY bridge club results:

Monday, September 2, scratch results, North/South: First, Peter Millar and Trish Tracy, 70.03; second, Anne Johns and John Pikoulis, 61.22; third, Alan Jones and Carolyn Matthews, 60.90.

East/West: First, Joy Secular and Patsy Cohen, 64.19; second, Mair Colley and Chris Davies, 59.13; third, Anne Macdougall and Ann Hilary Jones, 56.57.

Handicap results, North/South: First, Mair Colley and Chris Davies, 57.38; second, Joy Secular and Patsy Cohen, 56.35; third, Pat Verndon and Pam Sjerma, 53.65.

Wednesday, September 4, scratch results, North/South: First,

Sue's Run in memory of brave Madeleine

ON Sunday September 15, Sue Gregory-Phillips from Welsh St Donats is running the Bupa Great North Run for Starlight Children's Foundation – a national charity that grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes for seriously and terminally ill children and provides entertainment in hospitals and hospices across the UK.

Sue is running in memory of her step-daughter Madeleine, known as 'Mud', who sadly died on May 6 2012 at the age of just 23. Mud was diagnosed with an arterio-venous malformation (AVM) just before her 15th birthday in 2003.

Over the next eight years she became quadriplegic. Mud was a Starlight wish child and in August 2004 she was granted her wish to attend Reading Festival with a group of her close friends.

Sue describes Mud as "an inspiration to everyone around her. A truly special person who will be in our hearts forever."

To help Sue raise as much as possible for children, go online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SueGregoryPhillips> or contact Starlight directly at www.starlight.org.uk.



Sue (just before the Bath 10K).

Public meeting on bus services in Vale

ALUN Cairns, the local MP, is holding a meeting for local residents to question bus operators following changes and cuts to routes across Barry and the rural Vale.

The meeting will take place at 10am tomorrow Friday, September 13, at the Church Hall, New Jerusalem Church, Tynewydd Road, Barry.

Mr Cairns said that he has organised the meeting after receiving scores of complaints from local residents.

Mr Cairns explained: "I am deeply concerned that since earlier this year I have been inundated by complaints from constituents concerned by the wide-spread cuts to bus services across the Vale, from Barry to Peterston Super Ely and Llantwit Major."

"There are many examples of the disruption this has caused – elderly residents unable to get to hospital

appointments; others have reported that they are unable to get to work and have to consider leaving work as it is not financially viable for them to pay taxis or buy a car, and children not able to attend their chosen schools."

"I had met earlier in the year with local bus contractors and at that time called on the local authority to prioritise their budgets to help

support the bus services following the cut to the bus operating grant provided by the Welsh Government, which subsidises the routes."

"I have organised this meeting on Friday as an opportunity for bus operators to discuss the situation and their position in the matter. I would welcome any resident who has concerns to come along to the meeting".

Regeneration hopes dashed

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Ms Hutt added: "I have met with the Minister, Carl Sargeant AM, to discuss my concerns and consider a way forward."

"The Minister has recognised the benefits of the £9m plus Welsh Government Regeneration investment in Barry."

"He has agreed to meet the Vale Council Leader and cabinet member, Coun Lis Burnett, and he has also agreed that his officials will work with the Vale Council to look at their proposals for the next stage of regeneration."

'DISAPPOINTING' Andrew RT Davies the leader of the Conservatives in Wales said it was a body blow for the town.

"Where the previous Conservative-led council had been successful in bringing regeneration funding to Barry, the current administration have fallen at the first hurdle in their bid to secure funding under the new framework."

"They clearly need to look closely at whether the application could have been improved in any way because this news is bitterly disappointing."

The local MP, Alun Cairns said the Vale was already 'short-changed' by decision-makers in Cardiff and he was seeking a meeting with the

Minister Carl Sargeant. He said: "This is a slap in the face for Barry. I simply cannot believe that we have been left out."

"We are already one of the poorest funded council areas in Wales and this was one of our chances to gain extra cash."

"We had so many hopes for Barry Island and other parts of the town. Nell's Point has so much potential. All that was needed was a little funding to pump prime redevelopment."

"There were also plans for a marina, an aquarium and a multi-purpose family facility on the Island that could be used for fetes and exhibitions all year round."

Mr Cairns said a share of £5m among seven councils was "hardly worth having".

He insisted: "The Welsh Government has some serious explaining to do and I have asked to meet the Minister, Carl Sargeant. When I met his predecessor last year, I was told that Barry was ideally placed to benefit from their policies. They were supposedly targeting seaside towns. This has been thrown back at us."

"The Vale is already short changed by £25m a year by Cardiff Bay. I hope people will sign the petition on my website calling for a fair funding settlement."

'Sponsor cause by text' Kirsty's run for cancer research

KIRSTY ROGERS, the grand-daughter of the late Ken Rogers, who founded the Dolphin Bar on Barry Island, is running a half marathon on October 6 in memory of him.

Larger-than-life businessman Ken, who owned the Island's Pleasure Park, died of leukaemia on June 15, 2000.

Kirsty said: "I'm hoping to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research in Wales and I'd be grateful if people would sponsor me by texting 70070 with the code KENR69 which automatically donates £3."

"Alternatively, people can make donations at the bar."

Harvest Festival weekend at the Amelia Trust

THE Amelia Trust's Harvest Festival fundraising weekend takes place this September 14 and 15. The times are Saturday 11am-5pm, and Sunday 12 noon to 4pm.

A spokeswoman said: "There will be an open weekend of activities for the children, our largest- ever variety of craft

stalls, food yard, live music and other entertainments."

"This is our main fundraising event for the year and a chance to celebrate and share our successes, culminating in our harvest service at 3pm on Sunday."

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Merchant Navy seafarers of Barry...

TOGETHER with the other south Wales ports, Barry was to play a vital role in the Second World War and its proportion of fatalities per head of population in comparison to other similar sized ports would become the highest in Britain.

The year 2013 has officially been named the 'Year of the Convoys'.

Billy McGee, archivist for the Merchant Navy Association, said: "Although the true figure of casualties lost from British and Commonwealth Merchant ships may never be fully known, the figures that follow will be as close as any that will be found to date."

Tower Hill Memorial 23,753; Buried Ashore 2,594; Canadian 1,554 (Halifax and Tower Hill Memorial); Bombay/Chittagong Memorial 6,048; Hong Kong War Memorial 1,400; Liverpool Naval Memorial 1,400 (Merchant seamen who served on RN vessels under the T124T and T124X Agreements); Australian War

Memorial 359; Royal Navy DEMS gunners 3,000; DEMS Maritime Regiment 1,222; DEMS from other Army Regiments 50 and Naval Staff 699.

An HMSO study published in 1955 'Merchant Shipping and the Demands of War' also states that as many as 11,600 merchant seamen between 1942 and 1944 died shortly after leaving their ship, or endured lives that were permanently damaged, either physically or mentally.

Also the qualification for war grave status, unlike the members of the three armed services, differs considerably for the Merchant Navy.

After nearly three years' research and reading through 4,716 digital pages of the '1938 - 1945 Deaths at Sea Register', Mr McGee has documented the names of a further 5,361 men from all corners of the British Commonwealth who died in service in the Merchant Navy during World War Two and have up until now been forgotten - and have no official commemoration - due to the circumstances of their deaths.

There are a number of MN men

not commemorated from the Vale of Glamorgan that we now have a list of, including Thomas Richard Lewis, aged 17, of 25, Westward Rise, Barry, who died of cerebrospinal fever on August 17, 1945.

WW2 and the months of August - local ships and men lost:

The British tramp steamer *Anglo Saxon*, with a crew of 41, was sunk by gunfire and a torpedo from the German raider *Widder* on August 21, 1940, off the west coast of Africa. She sank promptly, the German captain decided not to pick up any survivors.

When the *Anglo Saxon* sank, two jolly boats were manned. One was never heard of and in the other, out of the seven men, only two lived to reach the Bahamas after 71 days at sea.

Local men lost included Verdun Charles Green (24), Alfred John Nicholas (39), and Charles Henry Williams (27) who were all of Barry Dock.

On August 29, 1940, the *SS Dalblair* a British cargo steamer

when en route from the Tyne for Philadelphia via Scotland in ballast, was torpedoed by U-100 and sunk; 24 were lost from a crew of 42, including James Whittaker, a 16-year-old cabin boy, the son of John and Marjorie Whittaker of Barry.

On August 4, 1941, the British steamship *Tunisia* was bombed by an FW200 Kondor aircraft. She sank about 350 miles west of Achill Head, Co Mayo.

There were only five survivors from a complement of 43. Many local men were lost, including: Sailor Thomas Atwell (21) the son of Henry and EB Atwell, of Barry Dock; Albert Baade (46), John Doole (21) and galley boy James Forsyth (18) all from Cadoston; Able Seaman James Joseph Garland (32) and Hector R Gam (21) of Barry Dock; Able Seaman Patrick Hamilton, (30) of Barry; Ernest George Holmes (27) the son of George Ernest and Bronwen Holmes; Ernest's brother, Trevor Thomas Holmes, the ship's cook, aged 29, perished with him; Ordinary Seaman John C Hopkins (21) of Cadoston, and his brother William also died; JH Johlgreen (64); cabin boy Frederick John (aged 15) of Cadoston; Manuel J Martinez (37); Hubert Ralph Painting (33); Ordinary Seaman WJ Pook (18); John Quinn - 16-year-old cabin boy; Frank Slade (40) son of Frank and Rose Slade; Joseph H Taylor (33); Ernest (Chippy) Haysham of a well-known and remembered local family man was a survivor.

The *SS Swiftpool* was a British cargo steamer. On August 5, 1941 when en route from Pellet to Middlebrough via Freetown, she was torpedoed by German submarine U-372 and sunk; 42 lost from a total crew of 44, including local

men Magnus Anderson, Alfred E Cusworth and Demetrius Xenophon.

The *Porthmeor* was a steam cargo ship sunk on August 20, 1941 after a collision in St George's Channel. A local man Charles H Pearson was lost.

On August 27, 1941 the steamship *Embassage* was travelling in convoy OS4 routing from Hull to Bathurst and Pelel. She was torpedoed and sunk by U-557.

The master, 32 crew members and six gunners were lost, including local men - Frederick Cunningham, Thomas Cunningham and Charles E Roberts.

On August 3, 1942, the British motor tanker *Tricula* was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-108, when en route from Curacao for Trinidad and Capetown with a cargo of 8,000 of crude oil. The sinking of the *Tricula* took the life of local man, Llewellyn J Howells.

The *SS Radchurch* was a British cargo steamer, on August 9, 1942, when en route from Wabana for Belfast Lough, in Convoy SC-94 as a straggler and carrying a cargo of iron ore, she was torpedoed by German submarine U-176 and sunk.

Crew member Edward G Sawle was a local man lost on the *Radchurch*.

On August 13, 1942, 12 Junkers 88s attacked, hitting the *SS Waimarama*.

The aviation fuel on deck burst into flame and the ship exploded and sank, with 80 of the 107 crew killed, including local man John Trevor Thomas.

The *SS Hamla* was a British steam freighter; on August 23, 1942, she was en route from Rio de Janeiro for the UK with a cargo of iron ore, when she was torpe-

doed by U-506 and sunk.

A crew of 42 was lost, including local men James Britt, Louis Arthur Goule, William H Hobbs and William Jemmett.

The *SS Uskside* was bombed by enemy aircraft on August 1, 1942, with the loss of local man William Roberts. On August 17, 1943, the unescorted *Empire Stanley* was torpedoed and sunk by U-197 south-southeast of Cap Sainte Marie, Madagascar.

The master, 18 crew members, five gunners and one passenger were lost including local men John Henry Arnold, William O England, John A Haughton, John B McCarthy and Cyril Thomas.

Formerly the Merchant Service, the title was changed to that used today by royal proclamation following its sterling service during World War One.

The Red Ensign flag was flown over the headquarters of the Department for Transport and other national buildings on September 3, in tribute, to mark the UK's 14th Merchant Navy Day.

Since its introduction in 2000, Merchant Navy Day has provided an opportunity to remember the sacrifices of the seafarers of the past, to show appreciation for British shipping today and to look ahead to our future as a maritime nation.

The title 'Merchant Navy' was bestowed by decree of the late King George V, in recognition and appreciation of loyal and heroic duties performed during World War One.

Tenovus and Cardiff Fashion Week team up

TENOVUS is partnering with Cardiff Fashion Week to give supporters who donate to their newly-opened charity shop on Holton Road the chance to be VIPs at catwalk shows throughout the week.

The charity launched the partnership in Cardiff where Fashion Week stylist, Wenda James-Rowe, met Tenovus community fundraiser, Alexandra Morgan, and the team at the Roath Park Tenovus shop.

Alexandra Morgan said: "We're really looking

forward to Cardiff Fashion Week. We love seeing people put together stylish outfits from donated goods in our shops, so we're excited to be able to give our supporters in Barry the chance to enjoy even more fashion in October!"

The opportunity will run throughout September. To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets, donate a bag of clothes to any Tenovus shop in the Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge, or Cardiff areas. To find your local Tenovus shop, visit www.tenovus.org.uk or call 029 2076 8850.

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MP's marathon cash provides vital funds for local lifeboat



CREW and supporters of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station were delighted to receive a cheque for just under £2,500 from Alun Cairns MP who raised the money by running the London Marathon earlier this year.

Stuart Macmillan, chairman of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station, added: "We at the station are always grateful for the support of others, but we are particularly grateful for such a large donation received after such effort on the part of Mr Cairns."

"The volunteer crew, fundraisers and education team at the station are dedicated to supporting this station and it provides a very welcome boost to them when people like Alun recognise the work that they do and feel compelled to help too."

"It costs the RNLI £140 million each year to save 22 lives a day across the UK and we simply couldn't do it without the generous support of the community we serve."

To find out more about the work of the RNLI, contact Elizabeth Matthews on 01446 738923.

Seafarers and late Legion chairman are both honoured



It was a special day in Barry recently when benches were dedicated to local seafarers and the late chairman of the Royal British Legion John Hobbs.



THE Barry Branch of the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) recently presented a bench in memory of all seafarers to the trustees of Barry Memorial Hall to be placed adjacent to the Town Cenotaph.

In an opening address, the branch chairman Jim Greenway said the bench was provided by several generous donations.

The branch padre, the Reverend Malcolm Davies, then dedicated the bench.

The Barry branch of the Royal British Legion presented a similar bench in memory of the late chairman Mr John Hobbs which was dedicated by Father Ben Andrews.

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New store's 'building bonanza'

ROBERT Price Builders' Merchants is planning a 'building bonanza' exhibition at their newly-opened branch in Cardiff Road, Barry on September 12.

The event will feature over 60 manufacturers, along with live demonstrations, special 'bonanza' offers and competitions.

Robert Price is the largest independent builders' merchants in south Wales, and the manager of the Barry branch, Ben Pike, said: "I strongly encourage trade professionals and DIY enthusiasts to visit the event on Thursday, September 12, to discuss upcoming projects directly with manufacturers, make the most of special one-off deals, and enjoy what promises to be a very entertaining and informative event.

"Doors open between 3pm and 5:30pm, and between 6pm and 9pm, so there will be plenty of time to learn about the latest industry developments, and explore what the new Barry branch has to offer."

LOCAL SCHOOLS HELP WILDLIFE TO THRIVE



ABOVE: Coun Chris Franks, chair of the Vale Biodiversity Partnership, with the St Andrews Major team.

SCHOOLS and nurseries across the Vale have been rewarded for their efforts to manage their grounds for wildlife in the annual Vale of Glamorgan Biodiversity Partnership Awards for Wildlife.

This year, St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary School took first place.

The school grounds include areas of long grass and scrub which are particularly important in providing refuges for animals such as moths, butterflies, slow worms, birds and hedgehogs. A pond, wetland, old stone walls and log piles all add to the wonderful wildlife mosaic found at the

school. Judge Rob Parry, of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, was particularly impressed with the amount of wildlife habitat created and how it was being used in everyday school life. He was also thrilled with the children's understanding and appreciation of the wildlife.

He said: "It was great to hear the children being able to identify native trees and tell us what wildlife they have seen in the past, as well as give their own opinions of what wildlife projects should be done next," he said.

The winners received £250, a framed certificate and presentation bowl, thanks to sponsors RWE NPower, Aberthaw, and were presented with them in the

Grand Parade at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show. Prizes of £100 and £50 were awarded for second and third places.

Overall results for all shortlisted entries are as follows:

Projects by schools, colleges, education centres or children's groups: 1st – St Andrews Major C/W Primary School; 2nd – Cadoxton Nursery School; 3rd equal – Bute Cottage Nursery and Llangan Primary School.

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Out and About with The GEM

Curtis' time-travel comedy makes for a heartwarming treat!

RICHARD CURTIS is British comedy's very own King Midas - everything he touched, from *Four Weddings... and Notting Hill*, through to his directorial debut *Love... Actually*, turned to box-office (if not critical) gold.

His last film, *The Boat That Rocked*, was a rare misfire for Curtis, something he aims to put right with *About Time*.

Domnhall Gleeson stars as Tim, who learns from his father (Bill Nighy) at the age of 21, that he has the ability to time travel, and therefore alter the lives of both himself and those around him. However, when he meets Mary (Rachel McAdams), Tim's world suddenly becomes a much different place...

The common, and not unfair, perception of Richard Curtis is that he is a purveyor of twee, idealised, upper middle class worlds where life bumbles along in a sweet, comedic fashion. If the thought of that repels you then *About Time* may not alter your thoughts.

However, it is fair to say that you would be missing out on what is a heartfelt treat of a film - moving, funny and with the traditional levels of Curtis saccharine dialled back.

Much like Woody Allen, Curtis' films tend to have a protagonist that is a cipher for the writer, a role Hugh Grant has played incredibly well for him. This time around it is Domnhall Gleeson's turn to play that role, and it is one he delivers with aplomb.

Trading his Irish brogue for a Grant-esque accent is not the only thing he shares with the scourge of national newspapers, the



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performance charming and witty and thoroughly watchable, if a little sharper and less bumbling than Grant's offerings. Gleeson makes for a tender, human lead, sketched from real life, and the actor's turn is absolutely superb.

Opposite him Rachel McAdams, who does romantic comedy with effortless aplomb, is irrepressibly cute and likeable, the pair sharing a natural, unforced chemistry that lights up the screen, while Bill Nighy, as Tim's dad, offers up his trademark easy-going performance that fits the tone of the film perfectly; the three spearheading a cast that all deliver, with Tom Hollander another notable standout.

What is most appealing from Curtis this time around is that while the subject of love is still the driving force - and, as is his tradition it is with an American woman - the nature of the story means that themes of family, loss and growing older are all interwoven into it. This makes it both the

most personal, and relatable of his films, as well as being probably his most rounded and mature work to date.

Whereas *Love... Actually*, and arguably his other works, have been too quick to play up the schmaltz aspect, creating a slightly sickly sweet concoction that can be too rich for some, *About Time* strikes the balance just right; those moments are still there but weighted down with a more realistic touch that makes it far more grounded.

The time travel concept is negotiated early on with casual ease, allowing these themes to come to the surface and not be overpowered by a narrative device that could have been too overplayed; instead it complements what Curtis is trying to say amazingly well.

About Time is a truly beautiful film, the sort of film that wraps you up in a cosy blanket and tells you everything is going to be okay eventually, despite the pitfalls of life. That may not go down well with everybody, but let it into your heart and you will certainly be rewarded.

VERDICT: Richard Curtis' most personal, mature and rounded work to date, *About Time* is a wonderful film that casts its spell over you with heartwarming performances and a witty, touching story. Cynics may bemoan its slightly soft-focus view of life, but it still makes for a gorgeous little film. *Recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Notting Hill* (1999), *The Time Traveller's Wife* (2009)

Brothers reunited

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'Anxious creatures'

MALE anxieties and fixations are explored in an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Barry-based artist Jon Ratigan, in an exhibition at the Travellers in Mind Gallery, Barry Station, from September 16. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, mornings only, and the exhibition runs until November 8.

Valeways' walks

ON Wednesday, September 18 at 10.30am, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cold Knap, Barry, outside the Bridge Cafe.

On Sunday, September 22 at 2pm, 'Start of Autumn walk' meeting in St Andrews Major by the church.

On Tuesday, September 24 at 1.30pm, 'Views of Porthkerry Country Park', meeting at the Cwm Ciddy (Toby Inn) car park, Port Road West, Barry.

Age Concern coffee

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale is holding a coffee morning at Cowbridge lesser hall on Saturday, September 21 between 10am-12pm.

Legal advice for elderly

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice surgery at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road,

A chance to try indoor bowling

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Tax help

TAX Help for Older People will hold an advice session at Pencoed Library on Tuesday, September 24. To book an appointment, or to access telephone helpline, call 0845 60123321.

Writing class

WRITING in the community - an accredited South Glamorgan class - at The Kymyn, Beach Road, Penarth on September 26 from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Contact 02920 701569 or 07799 312 792.

Writers' circle

THE Bridgend Writers' Circle will be holding its AGM on Friday, September 13 at the Bryntirion and Laleston Community Centre starting at 7.15pm.

It will be followed by announcements of the winners of the Saviker Shield and readings of the winning entries.

Proceedings will be completed by 9.15pm. Open to all writing enthusiasts.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Castleland Ward in Barry, Councillors Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Karl Kuhnell

and Les Sword, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 14 in the Drop-In Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10.30am until 12pm.

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NEWS FROM DINAS POWYS PROBUS CLUB

Don's life behind the camera

IN August, Don Llewellyn gave a talk to the club entitled 'Life Behind The Camera', an account of his career as a TV film editor, and later as a director/editor.

Born and educated in Wales, his interest in photography started as a child, playing with his father's camera but unfortunately without any film – due to the War.

After studying photography at college, he landed

a job as an in-house stills photographer with the new television company WWN (Teledu Cymru) but soon moved on to learning the craft of film-editing.

His skill was noticed and he joined HTV at Culverhouse Cross, known internally as 'The Taff Mahal'.

Eventually becoming a film director, his early years were spent developing the series 'Survival of the Fittest', which involved tests of strength, stamina and not infrequently bravery, performed by retired sports stars such as rugby international (and British Lion) John Taylor.

He now admits that in today's world most of the content would be banned as health and safety risks. Paul Ringer, the former rugby star, was one of the most enthusiastic competitors and a real entertainer after the day's filming had finished.

Don believes that there is nowhere better than Wales for filming out-door programmes, because of the dramatic scenery, although the weather can sometimes make life on the hills rather tough.

Whenever there was a hitch, it was the director's job to decide what to do next as a 50-strong crew would all be standing around, perhaps wet and cold and all anxious to get back to the pub.

He claims that the most important skill a film director should have is to learn how to 'point' so that the crew believe he knows what he wants them to do and is never caught in two minds.

A director should never tell a crew member precisely the detail of the next move, but leave them to work out the best result. The overall aim should be sufficient for experienced camera and sound men.

Don had an interesting trip to Moscow, where he bribed the army guards to give him front row seats at a State parade, was impressed by how many young children spoke perfect English, but was unable to shake-off his 'minder' who wore at all times a long coat and suede shoes.

In Bethlehem, at his request, a security guard organised a fictitious bomb threat so that he could film Israeli soldiers rushing through the streets.

Stories of an infamous Chicago gangster from the Capone era had come to Don's attention and he flew to Chicago to make a programme about him. Morris Llewellyn Humphreys, alias 'The Hump,' also

known as 'The Brainy Welsh Hood' (his parents were Welsh) had been one of Capone's gang, and it was he who organised the St Valentine's Day Massacre.

Humphreys had died in 1969, but Don traced his daughter Luella to a ranch in Oklahoma, where she showed him lots of photos of her father. Luella became a concert pianist and at one time lived in Italy where she became friendly with the film star, Rossano Brazzi and gave birth to his son.

Highlights of Don's career included filming with Wynford Vaughan Thomas, one of the greatest broadcasters in Don's opinion, and Lord Tonypantry.

He made several programmes with Prince Charles, who featured in a film about the Countryside Commission for Wales and then recorded a remarkable interview with a Cardiganshire farmer and cob-breeder that has become a classic piece of TV history. He was always very friendly and interested in the subject of the film.

Career milestones included winning a BAFTA award in 1970 for a film starring Leonard Rossiter called *Thick as Thieves*, named 'The Best Regional Programme of Any Kind,' and a prize at the Hungarian Film Festival for *Survival of the Fittest*.

Don spent 40 years travelling all over the world, happily, as he himself says, at someone else's expense. He once landed at 17 different airports in 15 days in Spain and made 299 helicopter trips, not quite 300, but now warns others that helicopters don't have toilets!

Now retired, he wins prizes for gardening and also has had two novels published. The vote of thanks was given by Peter Blackwell.

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Kids Aloud heading off to sing in South Africa

SEVENTY youngsters, recently selected for Wales Millennium Centre/Only Kids Aloud choir, including nine from the local area, have been invited to sing with Cape Town Opera in South Africa next April, during cultural celebrations to mark 20 years of democracy in the Rainbow Nation.

Michael Williams, managing director of Cape Town Opera, surprised the young choir members with this invitation as they came together for the first time for rehearsals at Wales Millennium Centre.

Speaking via video message, with Table Mountain in the background, Michael Williams, accompanied

by two singers from Cape Town Opera, congratulated the young singers on being selected for the choir after making it through a tough two-stage audition process.

He then invited the youngsters to perform alongside Cape Town Opera in The Artscape Theatre Centre, near Cape Town's waterfront next spring.

"Cape Town Opera and Wales Millennium Centre have had a close relationship over the years – we love your theatre," said Michael Williams in his video message.

"Now, we need to talk about our next collaboration. There have been many months of discussion as to how we can bring the best of Wales to the world, and take the

best of the world to Wales. So we've come up with an idea that can take you – of course, the best of Wales – to come here. We would like to formally invite you to come to Cape Town as our special guests."

The invitation was received with delight by the children aged 9-13.

The children from the area are: Ian Lloyd, Bridgend; Lucy Miles, Barry; Rebekah West, Dinas Powys; Zoe Mules, Penarth; William Davies, Cowbridge; Huw Jones, Cowbridge; Tanwen Mair Cray, Cowbridge; Efa Angharad Cray, Cowbridge and Nel Rhys Lewis, Cowbridge.

Nel Rhys Lewis from Cowbridge said: "I'm really excited. The choir went to Russia last year, but I couldn't go. But I'm really excited about the news of us singing in Cape Town."

Charity lunch

ENTERTAINER Ceri Dupree will be the star attraction at a charity lunch by the sea with a three course lunch and a sparkling drinks reception.

It is on Friday, September 20, at the Penarth Yacht Club, Penarth sea front. Tickets £35, 12 noon – 4pm. The event is hosted by Welsh Hearts, funding defibrillators throughout Wales.

For more information, contact Sharon Owen on 07730 944700 or email fundraising@welsh-hearts.org.

Tall ship at sunset!



This striking image of a tall ship in Barry Dock was taken by GEM reader Kathy Bennett.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D791.

● £2,000: 234855.
● The rollover, which now stands at £6,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 4 1 9 4 2 0 , 223595, 870584, 858505, 887282, 218294, 958652, 561557, 802862, 481403, 661028, 868742, 354128, 308842, 936581, 176720, 403970, 626282, 336845, 438564.

● £5: 752670, 137793, 239105, 659030, 106468, 234791, 194947, 437224, 140475, 806235, 551126, 161341, 885759, 289559, 710891, 870882,

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Dyffryn Gardens opens its doors

D Y F F R Y N Gardens will open its doors for free as part of 'Open Doors Wales' on Saturday, September 14.

The gardens open at 10am and the recently renovated house is now open from 11am to 4pm (last entry 3:30pm), after being closed for almost 20 years. It is still a work in progress, from rooms with beautiful original

features, to rooms that still lie derelict.

"It's the first year Dyffryn has been open as part of the National Trust and it's great to show our support and be part of this wonderful initiative," Gwenno Griffith, visitor experience manager at Dyffryn Gardens, said.

For more information about Dyffryn Gardens events, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

Art Central hosts new exhibition

THE inaugural exhibition of the Take Five artists' hub is being hosted at the Vale Council's Art Central gallery in Barry.

The Take Five exhibition was created by Cardiff and Vale-based artists Kay Keogh, Susan Roberts and Shirley Anne Owen of the Three or More art group, who have joined forces with Bernard Heslin and Laura Holliday to create a contemporary exhibition of paintings, sculptural works, papier mache, found objects and drawings.

The exhibition, which is supported by Arts Council of Wales, will run from September 7 to October 5. A private viewing was held on Saturday September 7, opened by sculptor and artist Dilys Jackson. Arts development officer and gallery curator Tracey Harding said: "The event drew in large numbers of visitors, who enjoyed this exciting new amalgamation of artists and eclectic art."

"The exhibition comprises a mixture of paintings, sketches and sculptures, beautifully complementing each other."

The Take Five exhibition is open to public viewing from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Further information about this and future exhibitions at Art Central can be found at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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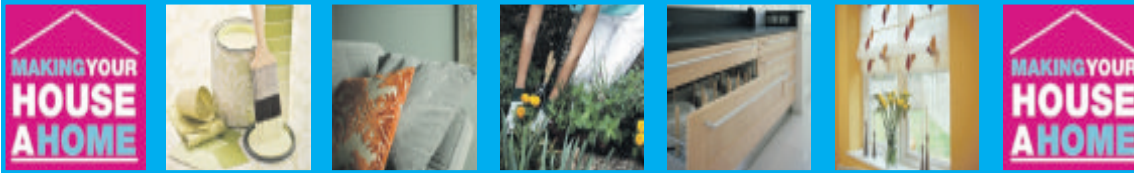
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THE CARE AND REPAIR OF YOUR GARDEN AFTER THE WEAR AND TEAR OF SUMMER...

AFTER a summer of being dried out by heat and trampled on by outdoor activities, your lawn may be looking a bit tired.

If you want to restore any bare patches, or are even thinking of sowing a completely new lawn, early autumn is a good time to do it.

But how do you choose the type of seed for the job from the array of different grass seeds on the market?

Help is at hand from Which? Gardening, the Consumers' Association magazine, who have just

by **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

revealed the results of its test on 36 lawn seed mixes and repair kits, assessing both germination and appearance of the grass and coverage of each plot at monthly intervals.

Best overall lawn seed mix is Asda Multipurpose (£3 for 500g), which the survey says will give you a great looking lawn.

In the trial, it established quickly that it produced a dense, finer-leaved turf, and was among the best in terms of coverage and appearance, and recovered well after wear-and-tear tests.

The next highest scorer was Mr Fothergill's Better Lawn (£5.99 for 500g, available from garden centres), which looked good throughout the autumn and following spring, recovered quickly after the wear-and-tear tests, and had produced a dense sward by the end of the trial.

For those just repairing their lawn, the researchers recommend Miracle-Gro Patch Magic (£9.99 for 1kg, Tesco), which worked exceptionally well in the trial and established quickly.

The plastic shaker contains coir and fertiliser with very little grass seed. The coir shows where you've scattered it and indicates where it needs watering. The grass is fine-leaved and green, but didn't cope as well with wear-and-tear as other recommended lawn seeds.

Other recommended lawn-seed mixes include Wilko Multipurpose with ryegrass (£6 for 750g, Wilkinson), which produced tough grass with a good density throughout the trial, and Verve quick

Start (£3.98 for 500g, B&Q) which was one of the first in the test to germinate and completely cover the ground.

If you are sowing a new lawn, you'll need to dig over the area thoroughly to allow free drainage, removing stones and weeds as you go, then incorporate organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure. On heavy clay incorporate sharp grit and organic soil conditioner. On light soils just incorporate the organic matter.

Firm the ground by laying a plank of wood on it and walking over it several times. Then move the plank across the site until the whole area is firmed – but not compacted.

Next, rake the area to produce a fine 'tilth' on which to sow the seed. You may need to rake repeatedly until the ground is level and the surface is crumbly.

Make sure you buy good quality grass seed which is the current season's stock and choose the type to suit your needs.

A lawn for a family-friendly garden may include a mixture of dwarf perennial ryegrasses to withstand heavy use, while a lawn just to look upon might be a mixture of fine tufted grasses.

Always follow the instructions on the packet about seed distribution and don't be tempted to sow more thickly than recommended.

With a little help from the sunshine-warmed earth and the upcoming autumn rains, you should be able to give any lawn or lawn repair a head-start.

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Excellent local response to Dinas Powys Village Show

CROWDS flocked to the village show in Dinas Powys in record numbers and were rewarded with magnificent displays and exhibits and a variety of entertainment in the gardens.

Guest of honour, Terry Walton, star of Radio 2's Jeremy Vine garden slot, presented the prizes and welcomed the good-natured competitive spirit of the community.

The chairman of the show, Val Hartrey, thanked the volunteers, the patrons, Brynawel Garden Centre for the stage decoration and the contestants for making this one of the most memorable shows.

Thanks also go to the village shops and others who give great prizes to the excellent raffie.

It was very encouraging to have many new entrants in the show, as well as more experienced exhibitors.

There were mouth-watering cakes, artisan bread, tarts and fruit scones, jams and chutneys, enough to rival the 'Great British Bake Off'!

The trestle tables almost groaned with the amount of fine looking vegetables, herbs and attractive fruit that were presented in abundance.

Also, the much loved 'Whopper' section of giant pumpkins, marrows and potatoes was well supported.

The collages made by the Guide and Scout organisations were



Mrs Colman with her 'Carrier bag of flowers and foliage'.

colourful and excellently done.

The two scarecrows that had been made to advertise the show were impressive, as were those entered into that class.

All were a source of interest and amusement. Beautiful garden flowers including sweet peas, gladioli, dahlias and pelargoniums were very well represented.

Paintings and photos were a little down in number but were an attractive display.

The WI prepared the tea and refreshments and did a roaring trade.

There were many attractions for the children including a bouncy castle, Punch and Judy, model trains and an owl display plus the always popular Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven.

Colourful gazebos housed other organisations of the village.

The trophy winners were:
British Gas Wales Cup for Cooking, Baking and Preserves –



ABOVE:

Cecil Townsend (fruit and veg champion), Keith Hatton (show secretary), Liz Richards (highest show points) and guest of honour Terry Walton.

Judy Watts.

Harry Phillips Plate for Fruit and Vegetables – Cecil Townsend.

Dinas Powys Garden Society Cup Flowers, Shrubs and Houseplants – Elizabeth Richards.

Randell Rose Bowl for Floral Art – Susan Colman.

Bernard McParlin Cup for Photography – Tom Alexander.

National Westminster Cup for Needlecrafts – Susan White.

D Hampton-Jeffery Cup for Painting and Drawing – Kath

Coleman.

Dinas Powys Community Council Cup for Craftwork – Jayne Smith.

Women's Institute Plate for highest overall points in show – Elizabeth Richards.

Young people's classes:

Dell Smith Cup for Nursery Classes – shared by Rebecca Harries, Lily Kerbey and Philippa Mumford.

J Brockhurst Cup for Reception Classes – Oliver McNabb.

Aquarius Cup for

school years one and two – shared by Haydn Craven and Alfie Sargeant.

Dinas Powys and St Andrews Morning WI Cup for school years three and four – Ross Newton.

St Cyres School Cup for school years five and six – Moses West.

Enid Jackson Cup for highest number of points in the Young People's classes – shared by Ross Newton and Alfie Sargeant.

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PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

Unstoppable march of computer technology

BEFORE our summer break, I reported that guest speaker Peter had revisited his 2009 forecasts of the development of major factors in computing and communications and what happened.

Here are some of his thoughts; more at a later date.

DISPLAY

Resolution: The latest iPad uses a high resolution called retina display. It is so good that you cannot easily see individual pixels (dots of colour).

There is no immediate need to improve on this, but improvements will come as gadgets become more sophisticated and improved resolution gives a commercial advantage.

Power draw: The power needed to run these better displays is reducing and will extend battery duration between charges.

Projection: 'Head-up' projection has been around for years (such as used by fighter pilots). In cars it would mean being able to read the dashboard without taking your eyes off the road.

Google Glass enables a smart-phone in your pocket to project images to a mini-screen attached to a pair of spectacles. Will it catch on?

Under development are flexible plastic screens using quantum dots. Such screen can be shaped to suit immediate needs and rolled away when not in use.

COMPLEXITY

MOORE'S Law observed that several computer properties would tend to double every 18–24 months.

Predicted to come to an end several times, it has nevertheless continued to apply regardless. Gordon Moore was

hoping it might apply for 10 years.

That was 40 years ago, and latest thinking says it is slowing down and will last only another 10 years...

On current trends, today's £500 gadget should still cost £500 in 2030, yet be able to store ALL music. What you do not want to carry in your pocket will be accessible from 'The Cloud.'

PROCESSOR

THE processor will handle more and more tasks ever faster as the trend for more powerful chips continues (see Moore's Law above.)

By 2020 a chip will be as powerful as a 2013 computer.

The battle will be between major manufacturers ARM and INTEL for domination. The ARM chip is used in mobile phones and portable computers as it produces less heat and therefore doesn't need as much fan cooling. The need for a fan affects device size and weight.

BATTERY

THE limiting factor on all mobile devices is the battery life. The search for new and better materials continues apace with the potential of great rewards for the winner.

As chips run more efficiently, the reduced cooling energy required also contributes to increased battery life between charges. ARM is ahead of INTEL in this race at moment. Of course, when your laptop is plugged into mains supply, energy is not a limiting factor.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm-9.30pm, 'Hits and tips' on how to use WORD and improve the presentation of your documents. Visitors always welcome.

HOWARD DESMOND

'New beginnings' at Barry Comp as new staff and students arrive



Mr Spencer, Mrs Gelling and Mr Cotsen joined the staff this week.

ONCE again a brand new cohort of year seven students has started their first year at Barry Comprehensive School.

The students looked incredibly smart as they took this significant step in their learning journey. These young men won't complete their GCSEs until 2018, but that journey starts now, especially with the challenges of a new literacy and numeracy framework.

The students have been placed in form groups which, for the first time, take the name of a very famous Welsh person.

This will involve research opportunities for the learners as they find out more about Dylan Thomas, Grace Williams and others.

Several new staff also began a first term at Barry Comprehensive: Mrs Briohny Gelling is the new second in maths; Mrs Nina Davies has joined the English department; Mr Jonathan Cotsen has joined the art department; Ms Danielle Smith will be covering Ms Sian Morgan's maternity leave and Mr Richard Spencer has joined the learning support team.

We wish all our new staff and students a happy and successful experience in what will be another very busy year.

Barrivale bridge

LATEST results from Barrivale:

September 2013:
First, Jane Brook and Kay Dyer, 66.67 per cent; second Mark Roderick and Mike Best, 60.32; third, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 55.56. Jane and Kay also won on handi-cap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. **MB**



ABOVE: Miss Smith and Mrs Davies joined the staff this term.

To Wales – with love from Suzanne

FOR most people, retirement marks the end of the pressures of work and gives them a chance to relax and enjoy their free time; but Suzanne Goodall is not most people.

Shortly after she retired in the late 80s, she was on holiday with friends who were talking about their local children's hospice in England. When she returned from her holiday she realised that there was no provision for the care and support of life-limited children in Wales.

Shocked at the thought of the families of life-limited children coping on their own, she decided that she would dedicate her retirement to opening the first children's hospice in Wales. She embarked on an 11-year challenge to turn her idea into a reality.

With the help of the people of Wales, she raised over £3m and in January 1999 Ty Hafan opened its doors to offer comfort, care and support to life-limited children, young people and their families.

Since then, the charity has supported over 550 families and has extended its services beyond short-break care, and now offers its support all across south Wales.

Suzanne said: "I had no doubts that the people of Wales, when knowing the situation that these children and families faced, would open their hearts and give generously. My faith was indeed justified."

"In 1999, after 11 years of hard work, Ty Hafan opened its doors and we saw the first families cross the threshold – built on the coast in Sully, near Penarth, it is truly a haven."

Suzanne's vision and dedication has left an incredible legacy; a Wales where children who are expected to die in childhood enjoy a full family life.

This week is Remember a Charity Week and Ty Hafan is asking the people of Wales to leave their legacy to Wales by including a gift to Ty Hafan in their Will.

Jenna Lewis, head of individual giving at Ty Hafan, said: "Gifts in Wills fund the care provided to one in five of the children Ty Hafan supports. Without gifts in Wills we simply couldn't support as many families."

If you would like more information on leaving a gift in your Will to Ty Hafan, and contributing your own legacy to Wales, you can contact the charity on 029 2053 2199 or email legacy@tyhafan.org.

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Give Staffie Mack a chance!

MACK is an eight-year-old Staffie, a very sweet boy, who has been overlooked for too long because of his age.

Mack does mix with other dogs, but would prefer to be the centre of attention in his future home. He is a fab dog, who just needs a loving home with plenty of cuddles.

He would like to live with a staffie lover, older children or adults only, and prefers to have company through the day.

He is housetrained and has lived with cats in the past so could settle with them.

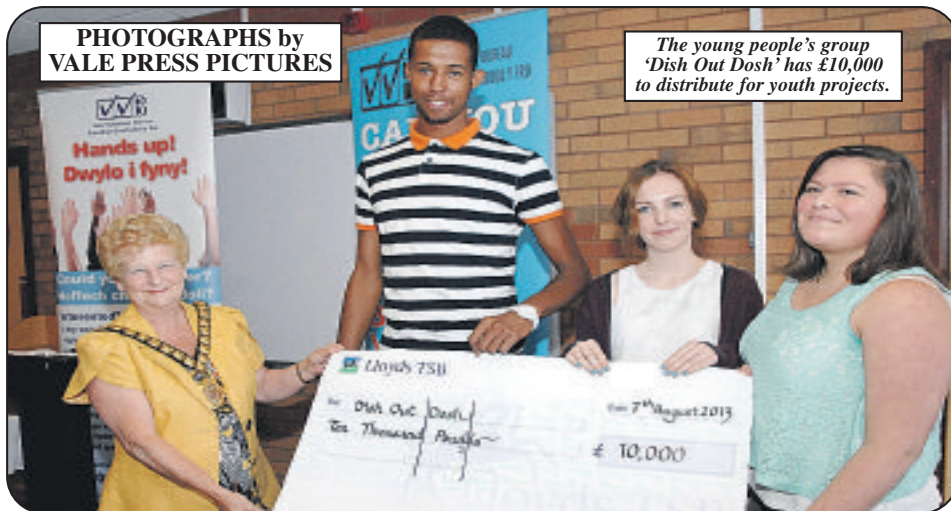
Linda Feagan (Supporter Relations Officer, Dogs Trust Bridgend)



VOLUNTEERS ARE HONoured WITH AWARDS

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The young people's group
'Dish Out Dosh' has £10,000
to distribute for youth projects.



THE Vale Volunteer Bureau held its ninth annual awards event, which recognises local volunteers, hosted by the Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson (above), at Cardiff and Vale College.

Present were volunteers nominated for the WCVA Year of the Volunteer award and Millennium volunteers.

Six individuals and two groups were nominated for the WCVA's award, resulting in one of the

groups 'Teen Spirit for Teenage Cancer Trust' being the overall winner for the groups category for the whole of Wales!

The event also celebrated young people between 14 – 25 years, who were awarded their Millennium volunteer certificates for the hours they have contributed to volunteering.

The Mayor was also presented with a giant cheque for £34,942,587.00. The cheque represents the monetary value of volunteering in the Vale of Glamorgan.



Cathedral School sixth form centre is opened

Advertising
feature

The Cathedral School's sixth form centre has opened to the class of 2015, the first cohort of students to study A-Levels at the school.

Opened by the Cathedral School Custos, Mr Gilbert Lloyd and his predecessors, Mr Peter Davey and Mr Alistair Golley, the brand new sixth form centre provides dedicated social and study space for students, comprising state-of-the-art technology, a common room, seminar rooms and

the headmaster of the Cathedral School, Mr Stephen Morris, said: "This is a landmark day in the school's history. Following many years of planning and preparation, we are delighted to open the sixth form centre and welcome our students."

"When planning the sixth form centre, it was important that it was created as a dedicated space for sixth formers, which made them feel distinctly different from the rest of the campus, while at the same time, still part of the Cathedral School community."

The Cathedral School sixth

form will offer very small classes, highly experienced staff with close university links and an ambitious and supportive culture in equal measure. It will bring freshness, excitement and intense focus for students who would like to be part of a unique experience, not simply 'run of the mill', within a genuinely co-educational context.

Acknowledged as the top performing co-educational school in Wales at GCSE for the third year running (*The Times*), the Cathedral School's expansion to sixth form is off to the best possible start.

Marathon cyclists complete Taff Trail for Ty Hafan

Anthony Miles, Santiago Coronado, Craig Hancock, Andrew Evans, Oscar Evans, Kyle Watkins, Wayne Thomas, Karl Johnson.



Ramblers head for Monmouth

TRELLECH, Monmouthshire, was the starting point for the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers on their Sunday walk at the beginning of September.

There are 26 known spellings for the village, and of the six road signs leading people into the village, three of them have different spellings.

Starting off from the Babington Centre, 19 ramblers made their way out of the village. There was a definite feel of autumn in the air when we set out, but we were soon discarding layers as the walk progressed.

The views over the valley were spectacular, looking down at the River Wye in the far distance below us, not realising that we would soon be making our way that far down into the valley.

We skirted Cuckoo Wood, before heading north towards Whitebrook. While these villages are beautiful and genteel now, there are still remains of their industrial past which have been incorporated into the villagers' gardens.

Lunch was taken by a lovely brook and the walkers made their way into the Pwllpythin Wood, northwards through fields of grass, the maize taller than us walkers.

At Trellech Common, the weather turned and out came the waterpuffs. The elegant pointed spire of the Church of St Nicholas indicated that we were getting closer to our final destination, the renowned Lion Inn, Trellech.

For further information, visit www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk.

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HUNDREDS of cyclists completed a gruelling 52-mile bike ride from Brecon to Cardiff in aid of Ty Hafan, the Sully-based charity, on Sunday, September 1.

One of the 420 cyclists to take part in the charity's Taff Trail Challenge was Andrew Evans, dad to 20-month-old Oscar who was referred to Ty Hafan earlier this year.

Andrew, from Pontprennau, finished the cycle ride in about five hours and his team has so far raised more than £2,500 for Ty Hafan.

He said: "The first 15 miles were a struggle, but once we got past those it was much easier."

Oscar, who suffers from a life-limiting condition called Menkes disease, was waiting at the finish line with his mum, Jennifer.

Andrew said: "We have received such amazing support from Ty Hafan and I really wanted to give something back."

"Taking part in the challenge was a brilliant way to show our appreciation and I can't wait to do it again next year!"

It is estimated that the event, sponsored by Julian Hodge Bank, will raise more than £50,000 for Ty Hafan.

Ty Hafan is not part of the health service and in 2011-12 received just 10 per cent statutory funding towards more than £3 million needed to provide care and support to life-limited families in Wales.

To continue to offer its unique service to families, it relies on the generosity of the public, its corporate sponsors and volunteers.

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Wartime Weekend raises battle fund for history group

LATE summer sunshine helped the Barry Wartime Weekend to bring Barry's summer events to an explosive finale, raising much needed funds to support the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre.

Now in its second year, the annual Barry Wartime Weekend community event, held at the Barry Tourist Railway, delivered educational entertainment for all the family.

Heritage railways are the perfect location for 1940s themed or vintage events, and the Barry Tourist Railway is no exception. Centre operator, John Buxton knows his trains, and bringing the unique steam rail-motor to Barry was a stroke of genius. The appearance of this train in Wales ensured a following to the event, even before we added our 1940s element.

Our line up of Jeeps along the front of the railway station proved popular, but the highlight was the life-sized replica Spitfire.

Taking 28 years to build using real Spitfire parts, this Mark IX Spitfire is quite simply the best example in the UK, and it was a real draw to the Barry Wartime Weekend.

To help raise funds for the Barry at War Group-run Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre, based at Barry Island Railway Station, we held a raffle to sit in the Spitfire.

Our wartime museum doesn't receive any public funding, so we rely on events such as this to enable us to improve the museum and to fund our outreach work, such as assisting the RAF Association display at Barry Library this Saturday.

John Buxton, director of the Barry Tourist Railway said: "This year's Barry Wartime Weekend has proved to be our busiest event so far, and we hope to build on this. Next year we're hoping to have the Red Arrows perform a display over Barry Island."



"A key part of any wartime weekend is the live forties entertainment, and we had three of the best in the business at our event."

Former Butlins Barry Island Red Coat, and Care Home Idol nominee Sandy Sparkle teamed with Paul and Natasha Harper to bring the forties sounds to the Barry Island.

Our 'Back to 43' evening of nostalgia on Saturday night sold out, with most of the audience being of the older generation.

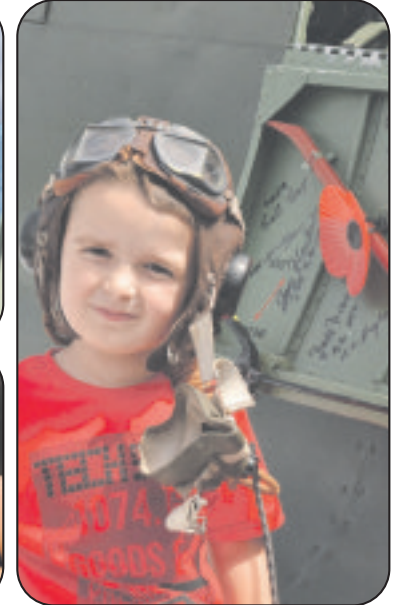
Combined with the 1940s re-enactors in the audience, there was a fantastic atmosphere; brought to a climax by singing 'Land of Hope and Glory' followed by both the British and Welsh national anthems. It was like the last night of the proms; in Barry.

With all this nostalgia, the audience seemed unsure just what decade we were in, singing a mixture of 'God save the Queen', and 'God save the King'; as back in 1943 King George VI was on the throne.

The Barry Wartime Weekend came to a close with a Jeep convoy around Barry Island.

For more details about Barry at War, see the website at www.barryatwar.info, or visit the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre, which is open from 2pm-4pm, Wednesday afternoons at the Barry Island Railway Station. Admission is free.

ADE PITMAN



OPEN DOORS AT LLANTWIT MAJOR DRYSAU AGORED YN LLANILLTUD FAWR

22 September

22 Medi

Don't miss the chance to explore behind the scenes at some of the Vale of Glamorgan's most important historic buildings.

On 22 September three of Llantwit Major's architectural gems will be open to public under the Civic Trust Open Doors programme.

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Ar 22 Medi, bydd tri o drysorau pensaernïol Llanilltud Fawr yn agor eu drysau i'r cyhoedd fel rhan o raglen Drysau Agored yr Ymddiriedolaeth Ddinesig.

See restoration in action at the **Old Place**, Castle Street, where owner and stonemason Anton Jones is restoring the former Tudor manor house. Guided tours will be offered at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance on 01446 704799/704828.

Elsewhere in Llantwit there is a rare opportunity to explore the whole of the medieval **Town Hall building** as well as the Heritage Room. Test your local knowledge while there by taking part in a treasure hunt.

Finally, relax with a cup of tea in **St Illtud's Church**, established around 500AD, and be amazed by the treasures within. The Galilee Chapel, at the western end of the church, is currently being restored as an exhibition space for the church's extensive collection of early Christian stone monuments.

The Town Hall and the Church will be open between 12 noon and 4pm

Dewch i wylwio proses atgyweirio ar waith yn yr **Henblas**. Stryd y Castell, wrth i'r perchennog a'r saer maen Anton Jones fwrw ymlaen â'i waith o adnewyddu'r hen faenoroddy Tudorsidd hwnnw. Bydd teithiau tywys am 11.00am, 1.00pm a 3.00pm, ac am na fydd llawer o le ar gael, bydd yn rhaid i chi gofrestru ymlaen llaw drwy ffonio 01446 704799 / 704828.

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Further information on the many open buildings and activities on offer throughout September in the Vale of Glamorgan under the Open Doors programme can be found at www.civictrustwales.org
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NATIONAL EYE HEALTH WEEK

September 17-23, 2013

Two-year sight checks are vital to avoid problems

ON Saturday, September 21, Jones & Jones are holding an open day at their practice in High Street, Barry, to mark National Eye Health Week.

The week aims to raise awareness of the importance of eye health and the need for everyone to have sight checks every two years, to look after their eyes.

Dr Adrian Jones, from Jones & Jones said: "We hope as many Barry and Vale residents as possible will attend the open day to mark National Eye Health Week.

"Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss yet over half of sight loss can be avoided, so it is vital everyone takes care of their eyes.

"By coming along to our National Eye Health Week event, you can find out how you can keep your eyes healthy. There will be information on the leading causes of blindness, nutritional advice on eating foods that can protect and improve eye health and simulator spectacles for people to try on to demonstrate what having a vision problem would be like.

"We will also be holding a free raffle to win designer sunglasses, custom made varifocal glasses, nutritional supplements and a 'see better' fruit and vegetable box."

Francesca Marchetti, chair of the National Eye Health Week steering

group, said: "Sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet many of us don't know the best way to look after our eyes.

"This is why it is so important you get your eye health tested every two years, even if you think your vision is fine, as some eye conditions may not show symptoms. Go along to this event to find out more or visit vision-matters.org.uk".

Facts about vision loss:

20 million people in the UK could be at risk of avoidable sight loss because they fail to have regular sight tests;

Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss, yet over half of sight loss can be avoided. This means that almost two million people have a sight problem which has a serious impact on their daily lives;

The figure is made up of people who are registered blind and partially sighted, and all the other people whose sight problems have a significant impact on daily activities;

Not all of these people can be registered as blind or partially-sighted; Sight loss affects people of all ages;

The number of people in the UK with sight loss is set to increase dramatically. It is predicted that by 2050, the number of people with sight loss in the UK will double to nearly four million.

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Former World War Two PoW camp tours prove very popular

by Dr Jonathan Hicks

ON the weekend of September 21 – 22 the former Second World War prisoner of war camp at Island Farm in Bridgend throws open its doors to visitors for the first time this year.

The bulk of the camp was demolished in the 1990s but Hut 9 – the scene of the German Great Escape in March 1945 – still remains and is normally inaccessible to the public.

However, for two days only, historians and re-enactors, working alongside Bridgend Borough Council's conservation and design team, aim to show visitors what life was like for the prisoners back in 1945.

Owing to overwhelming demand, all spaces on the tours have been fully booked and a waiting list has been filled as well.

A Hut 9 Preservation Group spokesman explained: "We have



ABOVE: Learning all about Island Farm.

been taken aback by the scale of the demand for tickets for the tours. Last year's event proved to be extremely popular but this year's looks like it will be even more successful.

"There will be World War Two re-enactors and vehicles at the main entrance to the camp and I would urge visitors not to park on the A48 or on Island Farm Road but to use the free heritage bus service from the centre of Bridgend.

"The rooms inside Hut 9 will show visitors the differing phases of occupation – from the Royal Ordnance Factory workers through the American GIs up to the German prisoners of war.

"We will tell the story of the Great Escape and

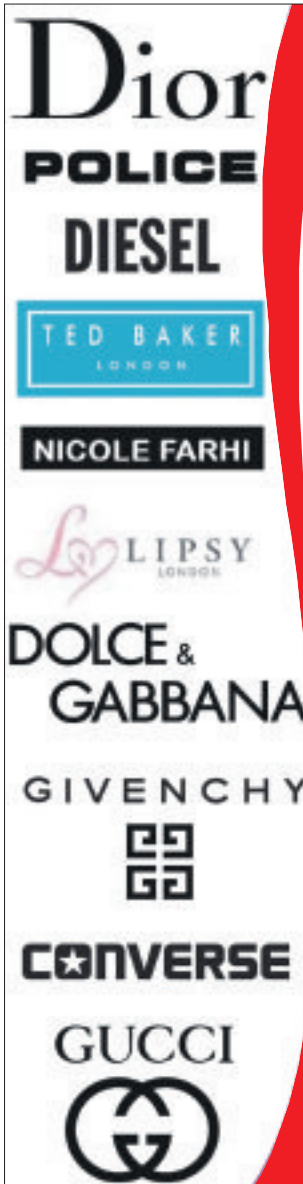
inform the public about the ecology of the site."

"Although entrance to the event is free, we will be seeking donations from the public to allow the group to begin our plans for restoration of the building in order to preserve this unique piece of Welsh history. There will also be a table top sale of military books and DVDs."

Members of the public who wish to see inside Hut 9 and who have not been successful in booking a space on the tours are advised to look out for future opening dates.

Full details of the weekend are available at:

<http://www.specialcamp11.co.uk/Hut9OpenDoors.htm>.



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WI PAY A VISIT TO HISTORIC SUDLEY CASTLE

THE annual summer outing took place on August 14. We travelled to Sudley Castle in the lovely Cotswold Village of Winchcombe.

The day began with a welcome cup of coffee and biscuits.

Half of the group proceeded with a tour of the house while the remainder of us enjoyed the gardens. The gardens are lovely with wide areas of open lawns, surrounded by beautiful flowerbeds. There is also a secret garden and a quite lovely knot garden which

has been beautifully trimmed.

We visited the 15th Century church which stands within the grounds. This is the final resting place of Queen Katherine Parr.

Sudley Castle is an impressive building and is a "lived in" castle. The present owners are Lady Ashcombe, her son and her daughters, and their families, all living in the castle together with Lady Ashcombe's five grandchildren.

Past owners include Richard III, Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I and Charles I. The castle was left in ruins after the Civil War. It

has been sympathetically restored by forebears of the present owners.

All too soon the day ended, and after a final cup of tea and a substantial slice of cake, we returned home.

The September meeting was held on Wednesday September 4. President Jan Foyle welcomed our speaker, Lyn Hull, a very dedicated volunteer for Ty Hafan.

Ty Hafan was inspired by Suzanne Goodall when she retired in 1988. After 11 years of planning and fundraising, it opened its door in 1999. Ty Hafan provides respite care for life lim-

YSTRADOWEN AND DISTRICT WI

ited children and young people up to the age of 19 years.

Lyn spoke with great feeling about the children and families she has been involved with over her 10 years as a volunteer. Great emphasis is put on it being a happy place, and as well as the care given to the children, it is a place of laughter and fun.

We were shown a short film and could see what a beautiful place it is. All the bedrooms overlook the sea and children are encouraged

to bring their own things which can be in their room with them during their stay. There is a 'den' for the teenagers, and everything possible is done to make it a home from home. Facilities are available for parents to stay if they wish or to take the opportunity for a much-needed rest.

The cost of maintaining Ty Hafan is enormous and is entirely dependent on fundraising and donations. The founder Suzanne Goodall finally retired when she reached 90

years of age. She was awarded a much deserved MBE in 2004.

It was a truly inspiring talk and Ty Hafan is without doubt something Wales can be very proud of. Irena gave a vote of thanks to Lyn on behalf of us all.

After a short break for tea/coffee and cake, Jan chaired the business for the month. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Jan had purchased an arrangement of cyclamens for Chris to thank her for all the hard work in organising our day at Sudley Castle.

Members were reminded that we shall host the Link Meeting on October 30. The tickets have been received for the carol concert. It was agreed to look at the cost of providing a mini bus.

Secretary Moira May presented the correspondence. There are a range of WI events taking place during the autumn. Moira urged members to place their orders for calendars and diaries. Treasurer Pam Robins presented the finance report. The monthly walk will take place on Wednesday

September 18 and coffee morning at the White Lion at 11am on September 24. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 2.

As always visitors and new members will be very welcome. Sheena Sargeant expressed concern regarding the cancellation of the local bus service. This concern was shared by us all and letters will be sent on behalf of the group to Alan Cairns MP and to the Commissioner for Older People.

EL

'A beekeeper's lot is to combat nature's problems'

THE fine weather of late has certainly given the bees a boost and I am pleased to say a little honey has come my way.

Treating for varroa is now being undertaken. Not all colonies are receiving treatment, as there is an abundance of brood present in all stages and nectar is still coming in.

This season is about a month behind and as a result the times stated in bee literature for honey to come off and treatments to begin is not at all relevant.

Varroa are the biggest threat and their control has to be addressed; a new product is available, its format is formic acid soaked pads. These are different from earlier formic acid applications as they can be utilised while honey supers are still on the hives.

So why am I not treating all of the colonies? Well as it is a new formula I do not wish to put all of my eggs in one basket.

The results from a couple of colonies will help me in my evaluation of this product and should it turn out egg-shaped I will not lose all.

The name of this newest treatment is MAQ Strips. Translated to Mite Away Quick strips.

Varying the approach to mite control is sound sense, over the years several generations of miteicide have been used but due to stipulated regulations being ignored it has resulted in the mites developing resistance and of course a money-waster to the beekeeper.

Unfortunately there are still many beekeepers who firmly believe that they do not have a varroa problem, consequently little or no control is undertaken and then we have a ready supply of mites and their associated problems waiting in the wings.

Quite apart from the varroa, this year has produced an abundance of

wasps and they are causing problems to the beekeeper.

Reports are coming in of colonies being lost to invasion by wasps. Why is this happening?

It is the time of the year when wasp colonies proceed to die out. This comes about because the queen wasp has finished laying eggs and there are no grubs (larvae) to be fed by the adults.

The grubs have a diet of meat (caterpillars eg.) in return for this they produce a sticky substance that is the diet of the adult wasps. The lack of their feedstuff means that a search is on by these adults to find a substitute and the contents of a beehive meet their requirements as does your beer, jam, fruit of all kinds and anything remotely sweet and sticky.

Finding such resources means that they can live a few more days, before death overtakes them.

Although I have reduced the entrances to my hives the wasps are very persistent and guard bees are very busy but not always victorious.

The shortening days mean that the bees and I are preparing for the winter to come. Will they survive? I will certainly assist them as best I can and hope that the weather will not be too severe.

We can only hope that spring 2014 puts in an appearance and not be the disaster that occurred this year.

Being a beekeeper requires an optimistic outlook plus the will to tackle all of the problems that are our lot at present.

Harold Williams

Donation for Barry RNLI



LOCAL funeral directors AG Adams visited Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station recently to present the £330 they raised by holding a charity car wash.

Alan Pacey of AG Adams said: "We like to support local charities and consider the RNLI to be a very worthwhile cause. We are proud to support the lifesaving work of the station."

The Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station was created in 1901 as the new docks brought increased shipping to the area.

The volunteer crew of the station are now kept busy with a variety of emergencies.

Nicola Davies, Sea Safety Officer for the RNLI, said: "We would remind everyone to always wear a lifejacket when on the water. It really can mean the difference between life and death."



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LOCAL people will look back fondly at this year's Vale Show, which was blessed with fine weather, which helped the event be one of the best ever.

Local photography Glyn Evans was out and about from dawn until dusk, capturing images that sum up the area's premier rural event!



Results from the show jumping

SENIOR Novice:
First, *Sky Lark* (Mark Edwards); second, *Gemstone* (Georgina Joynton); third, *Just For A Lark* (Mark Edwards); fourth, *KS Panach* (Katy Griffiths); fifth, *Contendros* (Rhiannon Gill); sixth, *In The Mood VHF* (Gail Burchmore).
1.05m/1.10m handicap:
First, *Sunshine V* (Amy Thompson); second, *Don't Touch* (Rachel Davies); third, *Super Snoop* (Amy Thompson); fourth, *Unbelievable Eddie* (Mark Edwards); fifth, *Boheim* (Amy Thompson); sixth, *Dreamgirl 2nd* (Bethan Allman).
Senior newcomers:
First, *Dalmerreto* (Sian Edwards); second, *Affa J* (Jake Harris); third, *Primitive Shadow* (Mark Edwards); fourth, *Gaelic Gamble* (Liz Edwards); fifth, *Gemstone Griff* (Georgina Joynton); sixth, *Dejion* (Victoria White).
Senior Foxhunter:
First, *Unbelievable Eddie* (Mark Edwards); second, *Emblem* (Gail Burchmore); third, *It's Showbusiness* (Andrew Davies); fourth, *Extreme Machine* (Mark Edwards); fifth, *Extreme Machine* (Mark Edwards); sixth, *Bettina* (Joanne Bailey).
1.20m open:
First, *Ultra Lux* (Joanne Bailey); second, *Nolton* (Stevie Webster); third, *Jenkins* (Rosie Hagerty); fourth, *Sunshine V* (Amy Thompson); fifth, *Harlequin Joe* (Felix McCartney); sixth, *Carrier Z* (Stevie Jenkins).
1.40m open:
First, *Vijlada MW* (Andrew Davies); second, *Wilhelmus S* (Brian Smith); third, *Elektrik* (Andrew Davies); fourth, *Nina Des Vlis* (Sara Arkell); fifth, *Mamma's Tinker* (Mark Edwards); sixth, *Rambo 3rd* (Sian Edwards); seventh, *Ballintekin Laughton Flight* (Rosemary Tilson).
Vale of Glamorgan Speed Championships:
First, *Mamma's Tinker* (Mark Edwards); second, *S Zermi 3rd* (Andrew Davies); third, *Extreme Machine* (Mark Edwards); fourth, *Mr Business* (Eurig Eynon); fifth, *Ballintekin Laughton Flight* (Rosemary Tilson); sixth, *Dusseldorf* (Rhiannon Gill).
Two fence challenge:
First, *Tinker's Tale* (Mark Edwards); second, *Ultra Lux* (Joanne Bailey); third, *Fadesh* (Sara Arkell); fourth, *It's Showbusiness* (Andrew Davies); fifth, *Adriana* (Sian Edwards); sixth, *Abraham* (Rhiannon Gill) and *USA* (Eurig Eynon).

Christmas Party Guide

IN THE DASH FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES... the early business catches the venue

by **GEM STAFF**

IT is just 103 days until Christmas Day and now is the time for your business or local organisation to start thinking of where your destination should be for the office party.

The summer nights are sadly drawing in and it may be the last thing you want to think about, but venues across the Vale fill up fast because on-the-ball companies strike early to get the best nights and the best deals.

A major reason to book now is that many people want to book a Friday or Saturday night for the office 'do', so they can have a lie in the next day – delay too long and you'll miss out on two of the two most popular evenings of the week.

Do you really want to be faced with a 'make do' restaurant or hotel just because you left it too late?

After all, for many people the office party is the only time that they socialise with their work colleagues in the whole year, and let's be honest, it does have its attractions.

The beauty of going out with your work colleagues is that you see some of them in an entirely new light!

If there's a dance floor at your venue, you can bet that the 'shy

intern' is suddenly the first up when the music starts – and is showing some moves that would do Ola Jordan proud on *Strictly Come Dancing*.

At the opposite end of the scale, there's the manager who, as the evening warms up, suddenly thinks he is John Tavolta, but dances like David Brent. A sight not to be missed! It is a fair bet that a few drinks have given him delusions of youth and a misplaced idea of his dancing prowess.

But the subject of drinking has a serious side that shouldn't be forgotten during the Christmas party season.

No matter how many inhibitions we shed on the night, we all have to be sensible as well.

So, The GEM's advice is this – on the night of the party, *DON'T* drink and drive, and make sure you and any friends who live near you have ordered a taxi well in advance!

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VALE PACT MEETINGS

GIBBONSDOWN PACT at the Residents Board Office, 28 Coychurch Rise, Barry, on Tuesday, September 17 at 10.30am.

COURT PACT at the Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on Thursday, September 19 at 6pm.

BARUC PACT at the Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road, Barry on Monday, September 30 at 6.30pm.

DYFAN PACT at North Walk Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, on Sunday, October 6 at 6pm.

COURT PACT surgery was the YMCA Hub, Court Road, Barry, on Thursday, October 10 between 10am and 12 noon.

CORNERSWELL PACT, at Hebron Church, Pill Street, Penarth, on Friday, September 13 at 6pm.

LLANTWIT PACT, at Llantwit Major Recreation Centre on Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm.

WENVOE coffee and chat at the Horse and Jockey, Twyn-yr-Odyn, Wenvoe, on Monday, September 30 at 11am.

Vale cabinet meeting

THE Vale Council's cabinet will be holding its next community question and answer session in Colwinston on Monday, September 23 from 6.30pm to 8pm in Colwinston Village Hall.

The Q&A sessions give Vale residents a chance to question the cabi-

net on any Vale issues. A vow to make local decision-making more transparent and inclusive led the council's cabinet to take its meetings to the community.

Details of all Cabinet meetings, including agendas and minutes, are available on the council's website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

HARD FOUGHT DRAW FOR BARRY LADIES



Barry RFC ladies' team

Barry Cadets 'living and breathing' RAF



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Caz Bradley in the cockpit.

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps have recently returned from their annual camp at RAF Linton-on-ouse.

The purpose was to live and breathe the Royal Air Force for seven days.

The Cadets were joined by Cadets from 1367 (Caerleon), 1223 (Caerphilly), 2353 (Ystrad Mynach) and 2478 (Abergavenny) Squadrons.

The Cadets undertook many exciting activities including flying, visiting Elvington aircraft museum, go-karting, live firing of the No 8 and L98 rifles, sports, orienteering, high ropes course, team building exercises and an army confidence course.

The highlight of the week was the Grob Tutor flying. All Cadets flew a 45 minute sortie in the modern two-seater Grob aircraft.

Flying at 2,000 feet the Cadets gained excellent aerial views of the surrounding countryside and also had the opportunity to fly the aircraft under supervision from the pilot.

The brave Cadets experienced the thrills and sensations of aerobatics.

The Cadets who attended were: Alex Spragg, Vicky Williams, Rhys Williams, Jack and Pippa Cowles, Rhys Horton, Steph Jones, Jamie-Leigh Bird and Kieren Long.

Cadet Steph Jones said: "The camp was amazing, there was so

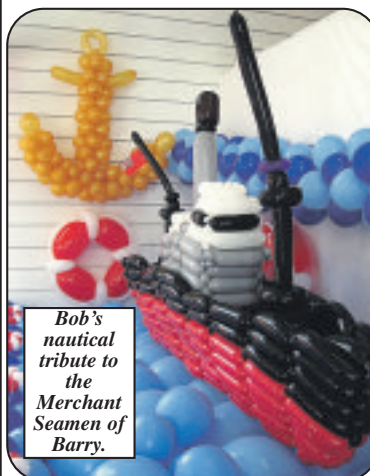
many great activities to do all the time, I especially enjoyed shooting and I am looking forward to camp next year."

All the Cadets enjoyed their annual camp and are now looking forward to a busy training programme of Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, their annual trip to Belgium, sport, flying, gliding, sports and shooting activities.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13 - 18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm - 9.30pm, behind Adams Funeral Parlour or you can phone the Squadron on 01446 747734 email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information about joining or the Air Training Corps.

JH

Dr Bob in Merchant Navy Day tribute



Bob's nautical tribute to the Merchant Seamen of Barry.

BOB ARM-STRONG of Dr Bob Balloons Unlimited on High Street, Barry, used his artistry to create a window display for Merchant Navy Day, September 3.

Last week, David Simpson wrote an article in The GEM pointing out the importance of that date - it was the first day of World War Two - and emphasising that we should not forget the historical sacrifice of

Barry's seafarers.

Bob explained: "Barry has a big Merchant Navy history and contributed so many people who lost their lives.

"In Queen Street and Princess Street 76 people were lost - and of course there were many others throughout the town, including young boys."

Bob decided to create his tribute after a recent conversation with David who he knows.

Not long ago, Bob discovered from his father that two of his great uncles died when their ships were sunk.

BARRY LADIES welcomed Penallta in an eagerly awaited fixture; due to recent transfers to the green and whites the game had an extra edge to it.

Barry chose to play up the slope in the first half and soon showed the away side what a hard game they were in for. Flanker Williams continued her good start to the new season with a number of her trademark crunching tackles.

Unfortunately for centre G Williams, she was injured in the first five minutes and had to be replaced by B Fox. The returning captain K Jones led from the front with a typical charge into the away side mid-field, before the ball was turned over.

Penallta countered quickly and not for the first time, Barry were saved by a tackle from No 15 O'Neill. The home side defended admirably as Penallta tried to utilise the conditions to their advantage.

O'Neill again prevented a certain score, forcing another knock on. The home scrum were holding their own, against the slope and even stole some Penallta ball.

The home side must guard against wayward kicks from their own 22, as one such kick nearly resulted in the first score of the game. A brilliant tackle by second row Young averted the danger.

Barry's side was being tested, but they defended brilliantly, with further try saving tackles coming from Fox and winger Rees. After the initial pressure, Barry gained in confidence and with a powerful scrum turned over Penallta ball.

Shananan at No 9 was controlling the ball superbly and giving her opposite number a torrid time. When Penallta infringed, S Williams and Cahill tore into the away defence from well timed passes from the scrum half. Ka Jones picked up an injury and on came Horne.

Coleman on her debut was winning some clean line out ball for the home side. The home side then took the game to the away side with Yapp and her forwards making inroads into the Penallta half.

Barry then started applying the pressure down the right wing. As the forwards took the ball in field, Barry battered the Penallta line. The forwards then set up quick ball for Shananan to provide a slick pass to the right wing Rees to power over; the conversion was missed to make it 5-0.

With the clock running down Penallta came back at Barry and scored a try far out on the Barry right touchline, which went unconverted.

Penallta's tails were

up and they sensed another score only for O'Neill to again thwart them with another try saving tackle.

The Bombettes turned around and immediately started to use the conditions to their advantage in the second half. The scrum was working well and forcing Penallta backwards at a rate of knots.

Substitutions were made with Perry and C Rees coming on and Hill replacing Phillips at No2 for her debut. The forwards then used some sublime handling skills, offloading in the tackle with Cahill, S Williams, Horne and Potter driving Penallta back towards their 22.

The home side started to exert some real pressure but when the home support expected another try, the odd wrong decision and knock on cost them possession and territory.

From turnover ball Penallta sprinted into the home 22. From another lose home kick, Penallta re-gathered the ball and forced their way over the line in the bottom corner, which went unconverted.

With the clock counting ominously down, Barry tore back into the Penallta half. They camped in the away 22 and were deemed held up over the line.

From another dominant scrum, K Jones wasn't to be denied and muscled her way over for an equalising try to make it 10-10. Despite her best efforts, the conversion failed to cross the bar and the game ended all square.

Barry must have thought they had allowed a win to escape them, but must be congratulated on holding last year's champions. Barry's woman of the match was Anna O'Neill and Penallta chose Kim Jones

Team: Ka Jones, Phillips, Cahill, D Young, C Coleman, Husk, S Williams, Yapp, Shananan, Bannister, J Rees, G Williams, K Jones (c), H Brown, O'Neill. Replacements: Cushen, Hill, C Rees, Fox, Horne, Perry and B Jones.

In honesty, Penallta were far happier with the draw than the home side. This is another step forwards for the green and whites and bodes well for the rest of the season; when these ladies start gelling properly and injured players return, look out opposition, this will be a formidable team!

The Bombettes travel to Tylorstown on Sunday, September 15; any supporters wishing to travel contact Rachel Baron or the club.

KJ

Mayor's praise for wartime weekend

COUN Claire Curtis, the Mayor of Barry, recently attended the Barry Wartime Weekend on Barry Island organised by the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre.

Barry Town Council supported the event by sponsoring a Spitfire for the weekend.

Coun Curtis said: "What a wonderful event and my congratulations must go to Ade Pitman and the volunteers for organising this weekend of nostalgia.

"I attended the event on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as the 'Back to 1943' party on the Saturday evening and thoroughly enjoyed myself. There was so much to see and do at the Heritage Museum, from information about the Vale during the war to a fashion show of original 1940s clothing.



Coun Claire Curtis with the Spitfire sponsored by Barry Town Council.

"I was especially proud to be able to view the Spitfire, sponsored by Barry Town Council, and see it take pride of place on the station platform."

Coun Curtis added: "I was thrilled to see so many people of all ages come along to support and enjoy this event, and I hope that Barry Wartime Weekend becomes a permanent fixture in the events calendar here in Barry."

WI's donation to Ty Hapus



June Davies (WI president), representative of Ty Hapus, Adrian, who attends Ty Hapus and Jeanette Chilcott (WI secretary).

A CHEQUE for £500 was presented to a representative of Ty Hapus on Tuesday afternoon at Barry WI's meeting.

As stated in a previous issue of The GEM, a coffee morning was held by the ladies to raise the money. Once again thank you to all who made this possible.



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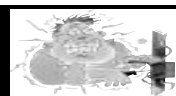


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Funeral Service to be held at Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend on Monday, 16th September at 1.45pm.
Family flowers only, with welcome donations to Ward 2, Princess of Wales Hospital c/o Thomas Brothers, Greengate Cottage, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

DAVIES

Jane Elizabeth

Peacefully after a long illness, Jane, loving wife of Mike, much loved mother of Arron and Matthew. Daughter of Olive and sister of Elaine.
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Funeral Service at Llanmaes Church on Wednesday, 18th September at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to Velindre Fundraising, Velindre Hospital, Velindre Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

BOWLES

Joyce

The family would like to express sincere thanks for all the sympathy messages, cards and to all who attended Joyce's funeral. Special thanks go to staff at ward A4 UHW, GJ Care and Parkside Residential home for their care and compassion. Thanks also to Reverend Adrian Berry for conducting the service. A total of £300 was raised for Ty Hapus in Barry, many thanks to everyone who donated.

FERGUSON

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BONNICK

Aline

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Funeral Service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Thursday, 12th September followed by cremation at Bridgend Crematorium.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Velindre Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff or Dementia Research made payable to Dementia Research Centre, Box 16, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London, WC1 3BG.

THOMPSON

Sarah

Sarah Jacqueline Thompson (née Chivers) of Jacques' Fruit and Vegetable Shop, Park Crescent, former secretary of Holton Road Football Club.
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Sports get taste of things to come

NEWLY-PRO-MOTED Sully Sports RFC travelled to Caerau Ely RFC for their first league game in the WRU Division 5 south east last Saturday and it was clear from the kick off that both teams were determined to start their season with a win.

The big tackles were going in from the referee's whistle and the first 10 minutes saw Sports getting the upper hand, forcing Caerau to defend in and around their own 22.

Both sides demonstrated forceful hitting and effective clearing out at every breakdown as possession was fiercely contested at a pace which kept supporters glued to the game.

Sully Sports' scrum was awesome and they took complete control of the set piece regularly pushing Caerau off their own ball and securing several gains against the head.

Sports seemed to be doing everything right until their first handling error presenting Caerau with their first real chance to attack. Caerau did not waste the opportunity and fed their backs who impressed spectators with the speed that they reacted, turning defence into attack followed by some blistering pace to see them cross Sully's line and open the scoring.

Sports restarted well and immediately put Caerau under pressure, resulting in a turnover. John Dimond put in a telling chip, putting Caerau's full back under so much pressure that he had no option but to hold onto the ball illegally, conceding a penalty which was duly converted.

Sully Sports' efforts were wasted when just minutes later they conceded a penalty, giving three points back to Caerau.

Hope was restored just after the restart when another deft chip from Dimond was quickly followed up by Sports backs, who forced the turnover; quick hands put Jake Williams free to score a try which was converted.

Again Sully's efforts were to no avail as a handling error presented Caerau with possession and their backs reacted quickly and were rewarded with a try which was unconverted, leaving the half-time score 15-13.

The game continued much the same way in the second half, with crunching tackles in a fast and physical game.

Unfortunately for Sully Sports, their handling of the ball deteriorated even further and as a result, the ball rarely advanced further than the centres.

Nathan Taylor, Sully's speedy winger, received quality ball only once throughout the game and he was lucky not to be charged a spectators' entry fee.

However, he showed exactly what he is capable of when Caerau's winger broke away and with no full back and, the line beckoning, a try seemed the only conclusion - to the cheers of Caerau supporters.

They were silenced when Nathan Taylor slammed their ball carrier to ground with a tackle so fierce it created ripples on Ely reservoir, it was a try-saving tackle worthy of mention.

With Sully's forwards dominating throughout it was disappointing that Sully conceded a further converted try and a penalty to end up losing 25-16.

Sully's handling clearly let them down on the day and, while they more than matched the opposition in fitness, strength and determination they lost out to Caerau's speed to react and superior ball handling.

Perhaps Caerau gave Sully Sports a taste of what to expect for the rest of the season.

JB

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TWO men supported by the Vale Council's mental health team are celebrating after playing for Wales in this year's Homeless World Cup.

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Nick and Gareth have returned from Poland triumphant, not only at being selected for the team and playing for Wales, but for making positive changes in difficult circumstances.

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ABOVE: The Masters team take a rest.



The Nippers.



Sara Phillips.

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Masters – the competition got off to a tricky start as the venue had to be moved from Saunton Sands to nearby Putsborough beach because the sea conditions at Saunton were too dangerous! The competitors began with the board and surf ski events, still with very challenging sea conditions.

The team put in an excellent performance to get craft out and around the course and many came away with medals in the individual and pairs events. Only one surf swim race took place on the Saturday and Sian Frith put in an excellent performance to win gold in the event. All other sea events were postponed until the following day due to the poor conditions.

Sunday's races were moved back to Saunton Sands with beach events first, again with some excellent performances on show. The sea conditions remained a 'talking point' throughout the morning and by the afternoon, the decision was made to continue with the surf swim races.

With high waves, breaking all the way out to the turning cans, the swim was particularly challenging but the team members put in some strong performances, with Darron Corden and Sian Laycock gaining medals. Due to the conditions, unfortunately, further sea events had to be cancelled for the safety of the competitors and rescue crews.

A total of 16 members won medals, with special congratulations to individual gold medal British champions – Heddu Davies, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Sian Laycock and Sian Frith.

The Rhooose Masters team achieved a finishing place of fourth out of the 26 clubs competing. A great result! Club captain Simon Parker and team manager Karen O'Donoghue-Harris would like to thank all of the members for making the journey to Devon and for their efforts over the two day event.

Thanks also goes to all of the supporters and helpers who attended, with particular thanks to all those who undertook marshalling duties.

Masters team individual medal winners: Heddu Davies – gold 1km beach race, Sian Laycock – gold surf race, gold board race, bronze ski race, Sian Frith – gold surf race, Stuart Wong – bronze beach flags, Dennis Bloomer – silver beach flags, silver beach sprint, John Arnold – silver beach sprint.



ABOVE: The Nipper girls relay team.



ABOVE: Sue Blake, Sarah Bryant and Heddu Davies.

Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – gold ski race, gold board race, Darron Corden – bronze surf race.

Masters team: Jon Foster, Richard Davidson, John Arnold, Steve Baker, Simon Parker, Darron Corden, Stuart Wong, Dennis Bloomer, Heddu Davies, Michele Wall, Sarah Bryant, Sue Blake, Sian Laycock, Liz Wong, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Sian Frith, Julie Phillips.

Juniors – On the Tuesday and Wednesday following the Masters competition, the junior team, managed by co-ordinator Steve Baker, began their two-day competition at Saunton Sands. With weather and sea conditions still challenging, the team of 10 juniors put in some great performances in both the sea and beach events.

The Rhooose team were particularly strong in their performance on the beach. With events including sprints, relays, 1km run and beach flags, many high positions were achieved and medals won.

Special congratulations go to British champion Jessica Wadey, who won two gold medals in the individual beach events.

Well done also to Dyfan Goode, Jason Grice, Ellie Peterson and Jessica Wadey, again, for winning gold in the mixed relay event. This was Dyfan and Jason's first gold medal in competition since they started competing.

Congratulations also go to Alexander Parry, who only started surf ski training a year ago and achieved a very respectable fifth place in the 15 years-and-under.

The junior team finished in seventh place out of the 25 teams competing. Steve Baker said: "Thanks

to every member of the junior team who competed and to the parents who supported them and helped with marshalling at the event. Your efforts are much appreciated by the team and club."

Junior team individual medal winners: Jessica Wadey – silver, 1km beach run; gold, beach sprint; gold, beach flags. Lauren Blake – silver, ski race.

Ellie Peterson – silver, beach flags; silver, beach sprint. Sara Phillips – bronze, beach sprint. Kelsea Peterson – silver, beach sprint.

Junior team: Ellie Peterson, Kelsea Peterson, Emily Baker, Lauren Blake, Sara Phillips, Dyfan Goode, Jason Grice, Katie Levett, Alexander Parry, Tayla Edgerton.

Nippers – Finally, on the Friday the Rhooose Lifeguards Nipper team, made up of 13 competitors, led by nipper co-ordinator Liz Wong, gave some fantastic performances.

Despite being a small team, the nippers demonstrated great skill and determination, all finishing in very respectable positions. With most age groups having over 45 competitors, many of the nippers achieved a 'top 16' position which meant points for the club, adding to the grand total at the end of the competition.

Those achieving a points/final race position include: Gwenno Goode 8th beach sprint, 8th surf wade; Brooke Peterson 4th beach sprint, 8th beach flags, 11th surf race, 11th board race; Oliver Wong 6th beach sprint, 5th beach flags, 8th surf race, 15th board race, 11th Golden Nipper, 15th 1km run; Jessica Wadey 8th surf

race, 8th board race, 7th Golden Nipper; Ellie Peterson 12th surf Race, 14th board race, 13th Golden Nipper, 8th 1km run; Evie Wong 4th board race; Dyfan Goode 15th 1km run; Ella Bulmer 15th beach sprint. Medal winners are listed below.

Congratulations go to British champions Jessica Wadey and Evie Wong for winning gold medals in a number of the individual events. Well done also to Ellie, Jessica, Jason and Dyfan who competed at the junior competition a few days before.

Four days of competition and several medals between made for a rewarding trip to Devon!

The Nipper team finished the competition in 11th place out of the 28 clubs competing. They were also the highest-placed Welsh club of the six who attended.

Liz said: "Many, many thanks for the team of nippers and their parents of course. The team put in an excellent performances and Rhooose Lifeguards are very proud of your achievements at this competition."

Nipper Team individual medal winners: Evie Wong – gold surf race, gold 1km run, gold beach flags, gold beach sprint; Gwenno Goode – bronze 1km run; Brooke Peterson – bronze 1km run; Jessica Wadey – gold 1km run, gold beach flags, gold beach sprint; Ellie Peterson – silver beach flags, silver beach sprint.

Nipper team: Kiera Harris, Brooke Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Jessica Wadey, Gwenno Goode, Ethan Wall, Dyfan Goode, Lisa Grice, Jason Grice, Ella Bulmer, Eloise Strange, Evie Wong, Oliver Wong.

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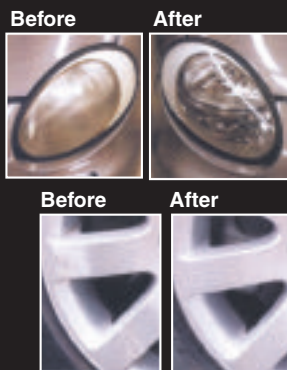
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Barry (rugby) thirds hit a century!

BARRY 3rd XV made their bow in the Cardiff & District League Division 2 with the visit of Whitchurch 2nd XV on a fine September afternoon.

The management team of Ken Chow and Chris Prosser handed a debut to Nick Thomas in the second row, and recalled Craig Noble at scrum-half for his first start in eight years. Josh Cabot made his first appearance in the match day squad while Nick Rolfe returned as captain.

With the elements and slope behind the home side, they knew that it was vital that they got off to a good start. With the management's instructions for an aggressive approach in the contact area still ringing in their ears, the players got stuck in right from the off, and the visitors had no answer to Barry's power and know-how.

Noble was the first to benefit, as he cut through the Whitchurch defence to register Barry's first points of the afternoon. Adam Lee converted the try; it was not going to be his last.

The floodgates, so often threatening to open but usually slammed shut, were blasted from their hinges as wave after wave of Barry attack yielded tries by the bucketful. Fly-half Ryan Corrigan was the next on the score-sheet, utilising his elusive running skills to score under the posts. Lee's conversion was a formality.

Corrigan was making hay against a disorganised defence, and his distribution to his fellow backs, whether by boot or hand, was at its devastating best. Noble was proving unplayable at scrum-half, while the scrum was destroying their opposition counterparts.

The bonus point was tied up after less than 20 minutes, as Corrigan and Noble both notched a brace, with Lee

converting both before adding tries to his own name.

Last season's player-of-the-season Lloyd Jones scored his obligatory try before halftime, while recalled centre Michael Ayaient also joined the party by grounding between the posts. At halftime the game was all but over for the visitors.

To their credit, Whitchurch did not throw in the towel and tried to rally themselves with commitment in the tackle area despite the one-sided nature of the game. In the period immediately after the restart, Barry found tries harder to come by.

The floodgates eventually had to reopen and Corrigan completed his hat trick before Mike Jones got into the act, rewarded with two tries for his fine support play. Glenn Griffiths also touched down to register his first try since his return to Barry colours, with substitute Tony Jenkins also scoring before the end.

Lee maintained his perfect record with his boot by converting all 15 tries to bring the score to an astounding 105-0 to the hosts.

Barry 3rd XV will look to continue their momentum as they travel to Cardiff Saracens this weekend, while the second XV open their league campaign at home to Cardiff HSOB second XV.

Team: Bailey; Griffiths, Lee, Ayaient, Evans; Noble, Corrigan; Corne, Turnbull, Lundy; Westall, Thomas; M Jones, L Jones, Rolfe (c). **Replacements:** Ring, Cabot, Hall, Jenkins. **Man-of-the-match:** Noble.

For the latest team news, player statistics and match reports, visit the official website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/barryrfc, or follow the club on Twitter (@Barry_RFC) and Facebook ('Barrians'). **KC**

Beavers win medals

BARRY BEAVERS headed out on Saturday, September 7, with 23 of their disabled swimmers to take part in the Welsh Championships.

This is an annual event and a place on the team is much sought after by all our swimmers. Pat Finch the team coach and Eunice Lamb were very pleased with the effort that was put in by all the team members.

It is wonderful to have

Eunice accompanying the team again - we have missed you, and all the team love the encouragement she gives them on poolside.

The Beavers came away with ten medals in total, and they were: - Girls 25m silver for Ffion Jones; men's 25m welsh champion (gold) for Phillip Daly; girls 50m silver for Courtney Rogers and bronze for Shannon Rodgers.

Men's 50m silver for David Lalande, girls 100m silver for Layla Rogers and bronze for Talisha Rogers; Heather

Williams celebrated her birthday by winning ladies 100m bronze and there was a men's 100m bronze medal for Nicholas Cushen.

Our junior relay team (Jesse Rodgers, Shannon, Courtney and Layla Rogers) are now Welsh champions, congratulations to you all.

For David Lalande it was his last gala before going off to Lampeter University to study ancient civilisations. David has been swimming in these galas for many years now and over his time on the team he has won 27 medals and many trophies.

We all wish him well in his studies and will miss him at our weekly swimming sessions and at the galas.

Barry Beavers are still desperately looking for volunteers to help at our swimming sessions on a Saturday afternoon between 3.45pm and 4.45pm at Barry leisure centre.

If we cannot find people that are willing to come and help us we may have to turn disabled swimmers away which would be a great shame as they benefit so much from the water therapy they receive; if you feel you can help please ring Pat on 01446 747683 or turn up on a Saturday afternoon. **DL**

LEE SAUNDERS

TY HAFAN THE WINNER AT WENVOE CASTLE

THE captain's charity day at Wenvoe Castle is traditionally a big event in the calendar but this year exceeded all expectations, with over 220 entries from golf clubs throughout the region taking in a fun golf day with overall aim of raising funds for the nominated local charity, Ty Hafan.

The excellent weather continued to play its part and contributed to the success of the day. The event was boosted by the generous sponsorship by Club Choice Ireland who provided the three main prizes in the form of golf package holidays to include accommodation, golf and return ferry crossings.

During the course of the round players took on challenge after challenge with the opportunity to pick up a prize for nearest the pin at the three par 3 holes, target golf on the 12th fairway and finish with nearest the pin with the second stroke on the testing 18th hole. This exciting finish was watched by the ever increasing audience on the club's panoramic patio, raising ironic applause as the approach shot slid past the 'nearest' mark.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and club members sponsors there were some excellent prizes on offer and this extended to the raffle which was very well supported.

Leigh Ivory and Andrew Tailby of Wenvoe Castle took the first prize with an excellent 45 points. Runners up were Peter Pemberton and Neil Kelly with 44 points just ahead of John Donovan and Roy Hill with 43 points. All three pairs can look forward to a golfing stay in Ireland.

Results: Nearest the Pin 2nd hole (Sponsored by Aztec Assemblies) - Mags Lewis, whose team were each presented with T-shirts; nearest the pin 9th hole - Rob Picton (Wenvoe Castle); nearest the pin - 15th hole - Phil Macey (Rhonda Golf Club); nearest the pin 2nd stroke 18th hole - Andrew Tailby (Wenvoe Castle); putting competition - 10 strokes over 6 holes - Craig Miller; chipping competition - Martyn Rhys; target golf 12th hole - no individual winner and all prize money to donated to the charity.

As the competitors waited for the presentation they enjoyed their meal relaxing to live music provided by the excellent duo, Rhythm Method, and were encouraged to support the raffle with all the proceeds going to the nominated charity.

Ahead of the presentation Rebecca Chick, business and community fundraiser for Ty Hafan, outlined the aims of the charity in providing comfort care and support to life limited children, young people and their families.

Fundraising was a major source of income to cover the annual costs of over £3 million each year and the income from the charity day would be a great boost.

Larry Byrne, managing director of Club Choice Ireland, presented club captain Barrie Jones with the sponsorship prizes and complimented the club on the organisation on the day, looking forward to further involvement in supporting competitions.

Barrie Jones was clearly delighted with the support he had received on the day and gave particular thanks to the sponsors. He was grateful to everyone who had entered a team in the competition and those who had given so generously throughout the day. The day had certainly exceeded his expectations and the funds raised would make a significant contribution to the work of Ty Hafan.

The captain also thanked the head green keeper and his team for their efforts in presenting the course in superb condition. He expressed his appreciation of the service provided the staff throughout the day, particularly Nicola Sims (club secretary), Simon Gatheridge (steward) and David Reis (head chef).

Special thanks were extended to club members Mike Froud and Mike Driscoll, together with Ken Howells (vice club captain), who was responsible for organising the event. The support on the day by the ladies section was significant and the lady captain was presented with a bouquet of flowers for their locker room as a thank you for their efforts.

A truly remarkable day which continued well into the night as the live music literally shook the walls of the castle and once again the ghost of Lady Jenner raised a smile, knowing that charity was the real winner on the day.

Well done Wenvoe Castle - more of the same next year.

BJ



Larry Byrne (Club Choice Ireland) presenting club captain Barrie Jones with the sponsorship prizes.



The lady captain being presented with flowers.

UWC Atlantic College students help Lions at the Bob Cook games



The Lions were out in full force at the Bob Cook games.

ON Sunday August 11, 40 volunteers from UWC

Atlantic College, St Donat's, set out by bus for Swindon, to help out with the Bob Cook Games, an Olympics for adults with learning challenges.

At the Swindon County Ground Sports Complex, they were told the Games were named after the late president of Chippenham Lions Club, whose daughter had learning challenges. They are funded by various Lions Clubs from the region.

Representatives from various Lions Clubs were there, including Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, who had transported members of the Cowbridge Monday Club taking part in the games.

There were athletes competing in a vast variety of events, from sprinting and javelin to bowls and wellie throwing, as avid supporters cheered them on from the sidelines.

Some people were assigned to help out with specific events, others were asked to provide their services in the results tent, and the

rest of the group were introduced to a team to spend the day with.

"I spent most of the day taking care of a non-verbal elderly woman," said Keza, a 16-year-old student from Senegal and France. "I took her around to all the different events and cheered for her. She smiled constantly, and it made me feel really happy. Every time she saw me, she came and hugged me!"

Mile, a 17-year-old student from the Balkan country of Macedonia, was one of those designated to work in the results tent. "We would write the names on the medals, and when they called out the names and numbers of the athletes, they would come to collect their medals," he explained.

"I got to distribute them. It was so rewarding to see how happy they were!"

Though medals were awarded for success after each event, all athletes left with medals at the end of the games.

Teams came from all over Wales and southern England.

Some of the athletes were in their late teens. I spent a good portion of the day chatting with a young man with high-functioning autism.

He was extremely sociable, and introduced me to many of his friends on the team. He will be attending university to study life skills.

He was also very interested in my background, and asked me many questions about my life at Atlantic College and my home back in the United States.

On behalf of the students and staff of UWC Atlantic College, we would like to thank the Chippenham Lions Club for hosting and organising this annual event that we can support.

GAYNOR FRANCIS

Cowbridge and Vale Badminton Club

FOLLOWING another successful year based at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre, male and female badminton players are wanted for the new season.

We meet on Tuesdays 7.45pm and Fridays 7.30pm. Details can be found on www.valebadminton.wordpress.com.

AE

New league starts for the under-7s

SATURDAY saw the Vale of Glamorgan football league kick off their new under-7s section.

The format is very simple - teams of four, no keepers, small pitches, and all teams play for 60 minutes at one venue in round robin style.

Last week's hosts were Cowbridge FC, the games held at their local mini pitches at the Cattle Market, Cowbridge.

Andy Pask from the FAW and Lee Saunders have spent the past couple of months behind the

scenes making sure everything was in place. To run a side its not as simple as just turning up, you have to meet a certain requirement, so for a lot of the coaches it was their first experience of taking a team as well as the players' first experience of playing.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the set up and hopefully teams can grow together and help develop local talent in the area. The parents certainly were a credit to their clubs and encouraged all players.

LEE SAUNDERS

Patience and perseverance pays at Brynhill Golf Club



THE club championship finals day is the most prestigious day of Brynhill Golf Club's golfing calendar.

After weeks and weeks of knockout competitions, the day arrives when the final pairings go head to head to find the champion of champions.

Despite the adverse weather forecast, the finals of the 36-hole club championship at Brynhill got under way. The club championship was a keenly-fought contest between previous five times winner Scott Bowman and first time finalist Jonathon Burrows.

After the morning's 18 holes, the players were level and eventually in the afternoon Scott's experience came to the fore and he won 3 and 2. Congratulations to Jon Burrows for his excellent performance in his first ever club championship final.

The Ernest Williams final between Mike Moore Jr and Glen Taylor was won by Mike, who started off like a train and quickly went 5 up, but was pulled back by Glen; Mike eventually won 3 and 2.

The George Williams final was between Clive Blake and Simon Bowsher; the game was won by Clive 4 and 3.

The Howell Hughes final was a very closely run match between Lee Galsworthy and Glen

Taylor, with Lee winning on the sixth extra hole.

The Chief Buck Rabbit final was played between Tony Davies and Clive Blake. Tony has been a member of Brynhill for 28 years and has never won or been a runner up in any club competition.

However, patience and perseverance pays as Tony won the match 2 and 1. This was despite the fact that his caddy Colin Lloyd had given him a lob wedge to use on the third hole after Tony had requested a 7 iron.

All the referees for the matches congratulated the players for the way they conducted themselves during the finals. Congratulations to Iain Grant and his staff for presenting the course in such an excellent condition. **JK**

Hockey team in action

SATURDAY saw the launch of a new era for Penarth Hockey Club 1st XI under the new skipper Mark Thomas.

Faced with a difficult away game at a resurgent Gwent, Penarth were forced, due to the perennial early season availability problems, to field a side made up of first team regulars plus players from the seconds and Veterans teams.

It was with some

Tim's easy winner

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan saw his five-year-old Experimentalist land the Simon and Edwina's Wedding Day Novices' Hurdle at Southwell last week.

Confidently ridden by Richard Johnson, the long odds-on favourite, who was carrying top weight of 11st 5lb, romped home 44 lengths from *Recway Lass*, partnered by Paul Moloney.

Tim is the leading trainer at Stratford and a double there last Saturday brought his total number of winners over the course to 24 which is seven more than Pembrokeshire's

Peter Bowen has notched-up in the last five seasons.

Tim's double was initiated when seven-year-old Jimbill, running for the first time in 309 days, won the Beginners' Chase by seven lengths from Another Kate trained by David Richards at Abergavenny.

The second leg of Tim's double came around an hour and half later when eight-year-old Fairwood Massini took the Handicap Chase coming home two-and-a-quarter lengths ahead of Alan King's Henry San.

BRIAN LEE

Ladies shine

FOLLOWING an impressive three wins in their pre-season friendlies, Dinas Powys Ladies FC were fired up for their first league game against Hafod.

The first half showcased Dinas's discipline and structure as they controlled the midfield and provided ball for strikers Lisa Grindley and Charlotte Bloxham.

This early pressure earned a goal for Dinas as Bloxham buried the ball in the top corner from inside the box. Dinas could easily have had more goals; however, the first half ended 1-0.

In the second half, Hafod came out attacking, but Dinas' defence, led by captain Emma Thompson, were solid as a back four and keeper Hayley Imperato made the right calls and decisions to maintain a clean sheet.

In reply, Dinas midfielders Jo Jones and Nao Yahada increased the pressure and proved a handful for the Hafod defence, running through them to make ground and getting the ball out to the wingers.

This period led to a glut of chances for the strikers which were converted by Emily Gillard and Bloxham, who scored a hat-trick.

The final score was 5-0 to Dinas Powys Ladies FC. Player of the match was awarded Charlotte Bloxham.

DS

Community Games event is enjoyed by local youngsters

THE Vale council's Communities First team organised a fabulous day out for local youngsters, courtesy of Street Games Wales.

The Community Games event drew hundreds of young people to Cyncoed Campus, Cardiff, on August 21, where people between the ages of 12-18 gathered from all over Wales to take part in the event.

Barry Communities First arranged to involve youngsters from their local community to take part in various activities such as netball, football, hockey, tennis, table tennis, basketball and many more.

Taster sessions were offered during the day, including climbing, roller skating, DJ-ing, graffiti spray painting, breakdancing, street and urban dance.

Lucy, one of the participants, said: "I had fun crafting my own graffiti board and taking part in as many activities as I could get involved in. Thank

you to Barry Communities First for organising a great day."

Communities First PCSO Kate Johnstone, who attended the event with fellow PCSO Nicola Smith, said: "It was a fantastic day for the group that attended from Barry. They got to take part in a variety of sports, some of which they had never tried before, and make use of the excellent sporting facilities in Cyncoed."

"The whole day was a complete success and, with the sun shining, turned out to be an excellent day for all those that attended."

Barry Communities First is a Welsh Government funded anti-poverty programme aimed at improving the health, prosperity and learning of residents in Gibbonsdown, Court, Castleland, Cadoc and Buttrills.

For more information, contact Barry Communities First on 01446 709432 or email Communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Vale of Glamorgan Show: Results for show jumping

SENIOR British

Novice: First, *Sky Lark* 2nd (Mark Edwards); second, *Gemstone* (Georgina Joynton); third, *Just For A Lark* (Mark Edwards); fourth, *KS Panach* (Katy Griffiths); fifth, *Contendros* (Rhianon Gill); sixth, *In The Mood VHF* (Gail Burchmore).

1.05m/1.10m handicap: First, *Ultra Lux* (Amy Thompson); second, *Don't Touch* (Rachel Davies); third, *Super Snoop* (Amy Thompson); fourth, *Unbelievable Eddie* (Mark Edwards); fifth, *Boheim* (Amy Thompson); sixth, *Dreamgirl* 2nd (Bethan Allman).

Senior Newcomers: First, *Dalmerre* (Sian Edwards); second, *Affa J* (Jake Harris); third, *Primitive Shadow* (Mark Edwards); fourth, *Gaelic Gamble* (Liz Edwards); fifth, *Gemstone* (Georgina Joynton); sixth, *Rambo* 3rd (Sian Edwards); seventh, *Dejon* (Victoria White).

Senior Foxhunter: First, *Unbelievable Eddie* (Mark Edwards); second, *Emblem* (Gail Burchmore); third, *It's Showbusiness* (Andrew Davies); fourth, *Extreme Machine* (Mark Edwards); fifth, *Adriana* (Sian Edwards); sixth, *Bettina* (Joanne Bailey).

1.20m open: First, *Ultra Lux* (Joanne Bailey); second, *Nolton* (Stevie Jenkins); third, *Oscar* (Stevie Jenkins); fourth, *Zandokan* (Hagerty); fifth, *Sunshine V* (Amy Thompson); sixth, *Harlequin Joe* (Felix McCartney); seventh, *Cartier Z* (Stevie Jenkins).

1.40pm open: First, *Vijlada* (Andrew Davies); second, *Wilhelmus S* (Brian Smith); third, *Electric* (Andrew Davies); fourth, *Nina Des Vlis* (Sara Arkell); fifth, *Mamma's Tinker* (Mark Edwards); sixth, *Rambo* 3rd (Sian Edwards); seventh, *Ballintekin* (Rosemary Tilton).

Two fence challenge: First=, *Tinker's Tale* (Mark Edwards) and *Ultra Lux* (Joanne Bailey); third, *Fadesh* (Sara Arkell); fourth, *It's Showbusiness* (Andrew Davies); fifth, *Adriana* (Sian Edwards); sixth=, *Abraham* (Rhianon Gill) and *Webster* (Eurig Eynon).

Romilly's bowls victory

THE finals of the Vale County Bowling Association were held on August Bank Holiday Sunday at the Murch Bowling Club, the home green of the president, Mr John Manfield.

Barry Romilly had succeeded in reaching four finals by earlier defeating bowlers from other south Vale district clubs. At the Murch they would compete against the respective winners from the mid Vale (Bridgend and Ogmore Vale districts).

Results: under-18 singles winner, Rhys Phillips; two wood winner, Mel Newman; senior singles winner, Alun Bryan; senior fours (rinks) winners, Graham Cogbill, Alun Bryan,

George Trepleton, Mel Newman. A tremendous performance by the local

bowlers and a day for the Barry Romilly Club to be proud of. **GT**

Welsh football needs fundamental reform says AM

REGIONAL AM Andrew RT Davies is to sponsor a special event in the National Assembly for Wales later this year, alongside Barry Town manager Gavin Chesterfield, on the need for reform in Welsh football.

Referring to the recent court hearing concerning the club, Mr Davies said: "I think it is clear that the current structure governing the game needs to be examined, perhaps in the

same way as has been the case with the Welsh Rugby Union. Public confidence is very low at present and the recent debacle has underlined the need to bring the FAW and Welsh football into the 21st century.

"The game needs to be managed in a manner which furthers the interests of Welsh football. We've seen some very public criticisms of the FAW and it wouldn't be constructive to go into them in any great detail, but we need to get everyone together in the interests of the game."

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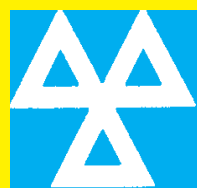


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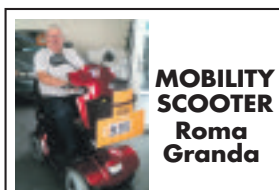
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GEM sport

Defeat snatched from jaws of victory for Barry

BARRY RFC started the season at home last Saturday at the Reservoir Field, and although it was cloudy, the rain did not put in an appearance during proceedings.

Before the kick-off a sombre one minute silence was observed in memory of former club captain, Dave Newman, and the 14 year old who died last week while training with Llanishen RFC.

The home team faced both slope and wind in the first period. CRC opened with a positive attitude and played open attacking football, which was soon rewarded with a penalty from the halfway line, but it was just out of range for their outside half to open the scoring.

Barry were up to the challenge, producing

some telling forward drives, which put them within striking distance of the visitors' line. They deservedly opened their account when Williams was sent flying into the corner, following a line break by Provis. The extras were added by Lee with a fine touchline conversion.

Barry added another three points via a penalty and a second try was added a quarter of an hour later when Adams spotted an outside opportunity.

The visitors got on the score sheet via a penalty which came as a result of pressure created by robust straight running in midfield but the home side came storming back with Degura and Evans to the forefront.

The pack gave Rhys O'Sullivan a chance to show how to give and take a pass when he released Williams for another corner flag try;

however, the Cardiff outfit then took advantage of some slack defence to score a soft try from a line-out on the Barry line.

CRC further reduced the deficit on the stroke of halftime and were awarded a dubious try, despite the away touch judge signalling a Barry line-out.

The home side led by seven points at the change-over and would now have the twin advantages of both wind and slope. In such circumstances they should have been odds-on favourites to take the honours and perhaps secure a bonus point - but neither was achieved!

Within seconds of the restart, Barry notched up a further penalty and all seemed well in the home camp. CRC, however, had different ideas and began to impose themselves on the game; they scored a try from a forward drive, which the

home defence was powerless to counter.

Down to 14 men, Barry were forced to defend grimly against revitalised opponents and they were very unfortunate to concede a penalty try when an infringement on the floor was spotted by the referee.

The game was meaning to an end when the Reservoir Field side earned a heaven-sent opportunity to pull off a surprise win. They opened up the CRC defence from long range and had a three-on-one advantage right to the tryline. The ball carrier decided to go for glory but was tackled and the opportunity missed, the final score 29-25.

Barry did not deserve to share the spoils and will look to poor tackling in the backs and too many balls surrendered in the contact area as major contributions to a disappointing defeat.

Team: R.O'Sullivan, Evans, Hollister, Degaura, Flynn, Giddins, Poole, Jones (captain), Mephram, Lee, Adams, Ryan, Provis, Williams, Scott. **Replacements:** Oaten, Vidal, Adams, Pirso.

This Saturday Barry travel to Llantwit Major for a 2.30pm kick off. **CO**



Brynhill's club championships were recently held and competition was fierce - see page 34 for a full report and pictures.

Dinas made to pay as they exit League Cup

DINAS POWYS FC were made to pay dearly for not taking their chances in a lacklustre game they dominated for long periods when they conceded a late goal in the second period of extra time to lose 1-0 to Abertillery Bluebirds in the first round of the League Cup.

The hosts were on the attack from the first whistle forcing two early unproductive corners, but it wasn't until the 25th minute that they engineered a real scoring chance, Dave Penikett's free kick being headed wide by Carlos Indjai.

A few minutes later Luke Swaffield latched onto a deep cross and beat the Bluebirds full back but his shot was wide.

Another chance went begging when, again from a Penikett free kick, Indjai headed across the six yard box to Dimitri Fallas whose header was straight at the

Bluebirds keeper Tom Indle. So the pattern went on with the visitors never really troubling the Dinas defence.

The second period continued in the same vein with Bloxham and Penikett coping well with any attacks the visitors could mount and Dinas having the lion's share of possession.

A mazy run from Indjai looked promising but his shot was blocked and he picked up the rebound but again his effort was cleared by the busy Bluebirds defence.

A strong run down the left wing by James Marr led to good inter-passing between Fallas and Indjai leading to a goalmouth scramble but again, the overworked Bluebirds defence finally cleared it.

The pattern continued with Dinas failing to turn all their possession into goals. They brought on Ryan Garland for Dan Owen but the second half finished goal-less.

In the first period of extra time

Dinas thought they had scored when Garland connected with a cross from Indjai, the ball hitting the underside of the crossbar but bouncing clear and despite pressing hard they changed round for the final period with nothing to show for their efforts.

Then the inevitable happened. Bluebirds got a cross in from the left wing which found Lewis Clark at the far post to head home, giving James Curtin no chance to save and time ran out for Dinas, leaving them to rue missed scoring opportunities.

Dinas travel to Treharris Athletic Western this Saturday in a Welsh Cup encounter where they must be sharper in front of goal if they are to progress.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 James Marr, 3 Chris Bramhill, 4 Dave Penikett, 5 James Bloxham (c), 6 Danny Street, 7 Luke Swaffield, 8 Connor Parsons, 9 Dimitri Fallas, 10 Dan Owen, 11 Carlos Indjai, 12 Ryan Garland, 14 Zak Cleary, 15 Mike Lazarou, 16 Anthony Russell. **PK**

Friendly finish to season for bowlers

TO help recover from the effects of a stressful season, following the completion of the competitive matches, Cadoxton bowlers hosted two friendly matches, against teams from Llanishen.

The first team was from the Lutan area, on tour to the Vale. The match was played with six mixed triples.

Although there were some close results, Cadoxton achieved just one success. This was skipped by Dianne Evans; her rink took an early lead which was improved upon throughout the match, and only conceding shots on just five ends.

However, conversely, David Evans, with Anne Rees skipping, only managed to win on five ends. Alan Carpenter's rink were going well with an advantage of 8-1, but only managed one more shot to lose by one shot.

Derek Brook skipped his rink to another one shot defeat scored on the last end. Jim Davies' rink was level with two ends left but failed on both. Kelvin Chedgoy was in front, on his rink, until the scores were levelled on the 11th end.

A run of six defeats was culminated with a '7' which took away all hope of success.

Scores: S Clarke, M Curtis, Dianne Evans 29 - 8; Cath Bentley, D Evans, Anne Rees 8 - 20; A Turner, Peggy Cox, A Carpenter 10 - 11; J Stacey, Moya Slee, D Brook 19 - 20; Norah Clissett, K McMahon, J Davies 15 - 20; G Powell, D Fanning, K Chedgoy 11 - 26. **Final score:** 83 - 105.

CADOXTON V BRIDGWATER - FRIENDLY
The match a few days later was an annual 'home and away' fixture, with a club that celebrated their

100th anniversary during the same year as Cadoxton.

A completely different team was selected by Cadoxton. This match was a meeting of friends who have been made over the five years the teams have met.

An amiable afternoon brought a better success rate for Cadoxton, with three winning rinks to both sides. These successes were skipped by Ivor Robertson, who scored a '4' on the last end, for a two shot success.

John Jones scored a '5' with a '3' against on the final ends to win by one. Graham Brown had his impressive win against the rink with the well loved comedian, Jethro playing third.

The rink skipped by Howard Craven fell just short after a '3' on the final end against. Roy Harding failed to score with his rink during the first six ends and trailed 14-0. Then there were a few ends when the scorecard showed both sides scoring.

However a '5' did reduce the deficit, but it was still a comprehensive loss. Don Kuhnell's rink made a bad start with a score of 8-1 against. This was recovered taking the score to a favourable 11-8.

However, that's where the scoring virtually ended with just two further singles added. To make matters worse a humiliating '7' was conceded during the final stages.

Scores: Joy Wood, T Bishop, R Cole, I Robertson 19 - 17; Wendy Chamberlain, D Hammond, L Cundliffe, D Kuhnell 13 - 24; J Ferguson, Pauline Davies, G Solomon, J Jones 21 - 20; S Clements, Jean Pycroft, G Davies, R Harding 15 - 22; H Hellyar, Moya Slee, J Sugden, G Brown 20 - 11; E Heppenstall, M Mathews, Ann Jones, H Craven 16 - 20. **Final score:** 104 - 114. **DK**

RHOOSE HUMBLLED IN ABERDARE!

RHOOSE FC crashed out of the Welsh League Nathaniel Car Sales cup on Saturday, going down 4-1 to Welsh League first division Aberdare Town at Aberaman Park.

Although Rhoose started well, they soon came under pressure and following a poor clearance from a set piece went 1-0 down after 15 minutes.

Two further goals for Aberdare followed in the first half, one an 'unstoppable' direct free kick from outside the penalty area.

Drew Fahiya pulled a goal back from close range for Rhoose following some good work down the left hand side

involving Jacob Daley and Sion Anstee.

Again, Rhoose started the second half positively, and it has to be said largely held their own for long periods.

However, the first division side's class told as the game progressed, although the eventual 4-1 scoreline flattered the home side it has to be said.

Rhoose entertain Merthyr Saints in the Welsh Cup at Jenner Park this Saturday, kick off 2.30pm, and will be looking to bounce back and progress in this, Welsh football's most prestigious cup competition. **AP**

Barry Bees sting the Cambrian!

BARRY BEES under-11s made the long journey to Cambrian Welfare RFC deep in the Rhonda Valley.

Unfortunately Cambrian were short of players so in order to make a game of it Isaac McBride and Taylor Ross-Zeal played for the home side, and both turned in excellent performances which added to the competitiveness of the match.

Virtually playing at altitude, which was certainly a challenge for the parents who had to struggle up the hill to the pitch, the Bees were sluggish from the start despite dominating possession and territory.

The Barry backs created a number of try scoring opportunities but the final pass let them down. Spencer Williams eventually opened the scoring with a jinking run through the middle.

This seemed to steady the Bees, and they began to use the ball more intelligently, and Jacob Pereira extended the lead with a typically powerful run. Cian Anderson completed the scoring in the first half with a well worked try.

The sterling performance from the two Barry players playing for Cambrian was a major factor in keeping the home team in the game at the break.

To their credit Cambrian did not stop playing and their flying winger picked up a loose ball and outpaced the Barry cover to score an excellent solo try.

Nevertheless the Bees continued to dominate and Stephen William added to the Barry score, beating the defence in the corner, before Cole Saunders finished the scoring with another good try to make the final score 25-5 to the visitors.

The Bees were not in vintage form in what was a scrappy game; but hopefully the summer cobwebs have now been blown away, ready for sterner tests in the coming weeks.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Dylan Morris, Joseph Nationstead, Stephen Williams, Spencer Williams, James Chapman, Cole Saunders, Robson Mallam, Taylor Ross-Zeal, Joe Davies, Joe Tanner, Cameron Foster. **JM**

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